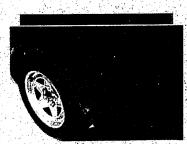
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Season of good will

Independence Township Treasurer Jim Wenger took time at the township board's Tuesday meeting to thank an anonymous couple who for three years has welcomed an elderly stranger turned friend into their home and hearts during the holiday

He said it is uplifting to see the spirit of the Christmas season in action.

Address experts

A recent call to the post office after the death of long-time postmistress Elizabeth Ronk yielded an appropri-

The postal employee on the phone had no idea what the phone numbers were for people who may have worked with Mrs. Ronk. She did, however, know their addresses from memory.



Full-time officials' pay plan OK'd



■ Independence Township Board approved a compensation package for its three full-time members. The issue has caused cross words between the three full-time members and the four trustees, who made the recommendations.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER

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After a year of study and debate, the Independence Township board approved a compensation package for the three full-time elected officials

Beginning with the 2000 term, fulltime elected officials in Independence

Township will receive a stipend instead

of a township-leased car.

Current full-time officials — Supervisor Dale Stuart, Clerk Joan McCrary and Treasurer Jim Wenger — will have the choice to either keep the cars they have until the next election or take the stipend. The officials also will be eligible for retirement medical benefits. Salaries for 1999 were agreed upon. Officials last received a raise in 1998.

caused divisiveness among the board members. In June, the four trustees — Dan Travis, Jeff McGee, Larry Rosso and Neil Wallace - were given the task of drafting a recommendation for the three full-time officials because the board couldn't decide on an appropriate nackage. Trustees attend meetings but do not work full-time at town hall.

Called the Full Time Elected Officials Compensation Committee, the group of trustees gave a report to the public in mid-September. The full-time officials were not happy with the report and wrote their own response. The issue has not come up at a meeting

time officials' response was discussed publicly.

Wallace said the two groups disagree on a couple of basic principles — that benefits are a part of compensation and elected officials are not the same as employees such as department heads.

The committee attempted to quantify things like medical benefits, cars and salaries to be able to make valid comparisons with other communities. The full-time officials didn't think all those things could be taken together.

Trustee Wallace said full-time offi-

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Finger bells:

Ian Shakelford,

4, of Clarkston

puts on a glove adorned with bells prior to

singing "Five Little Bells."

Rockin' reindeer: Children from the Clarkston Community Schools Funshine Preschool program got a chance to show off their singing talents -

Littlest angels

Preschoolers host holiday concert

mentary School auditori-um was filled with the sound of little angels Dec, 14 as the children in the Clarkston Community Schools Funshine Preschool program gave a holiday concert.

A few non-holiday songs were also included just for the fun of it.

Each class sang a portion of the program.

Children in Room 1 sang "Rudolph the Camel," "Ring, Ring the Bells," "I'm a Little Pine Tree," "Christmas Day

Will Soon Be Here" and

"Comin' Down the Chimney." Children in Portable B classroom sang "Hurry, Drive That Fire Truck," "Turtle Song," "Clifford," "Dear Old Santa" and "Over the River

and Through the Woods." The classes sang "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" together.

Parents and other friends and relatives filled the auditorium to hear the 3-5-yearolds welcome the holiday sea

Children and parents were equally proud of the performance.



Beiting it out: Eric Ashby, 5, and Lucas Runyan, 4, sing "Rudolf the Camel" at the Funshine Early Childhood Center concert.





Proud participant: Laney Robinson, 4, of Clarkston smiles as a packed house applauds.

Paparazzi pops: Proud fathers line up at the back of the North Sashabaw Elementary School's auditorium to catch their little ones on tape.

Local stores stocked for Y2K

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER

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Making your plans for New Year's Eve to celebrate the beginning of the new millennium?

The American Red Cross hopes you're also making plans for any potential Y2K problems that might occur after the clock strikes midnight and carries us into the

The Red Cross suggests households he stocked, for example, with extra water, batteries, flashlights,

canned foods, blankets, gloves, hats and heating equipment in case there are any disruptions in electric and gas service to homes

A non-scientific survey of local stores Wednesday revealed that they're prepared to help consumers who haven't already purchased the extra supplies they

want to have on hand. Clarkston True Value Hardware, 5800 Ortonville Road, has a whole section devoted to Y2K sup-

plies,
"We're on top of everything, said store manager Dave Sherk Jr.

"We have a big area of Y2K items that we restock every day.'

He said he hasn't seen a rush yet on these items because people either are already prepared or don't think there's going to be an interruption of services.

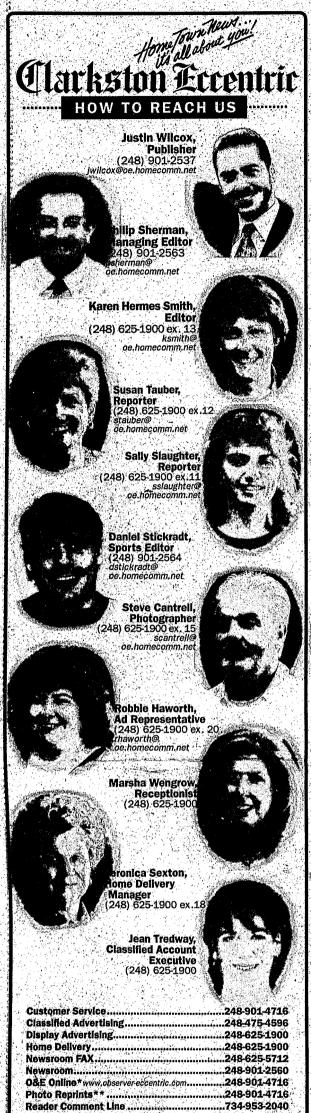
"We did have two people come in and purchase all the candles we had at that time," he said, but other than that, I think people are waiting to buy supplies

until the last minute. The store has a large supply of

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Be prepared: Ralph Chambers, Y2K coordinator for Clarkston True Value Hardware, made sure the store is stocked.



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cials, because they are elected for a four-year "temporary" position which doesn't have a specific job description, should not be considered employees. Therefore, they should not be entitled to all the benefits of long-time, permanent employees.

The full-time officials dis-

agreed. "I think it's appropriate for the township to provide this benefit to the office, not the person, the office." Stuart said.

Wallace said he was disappointed with the full-time officials' response to the recommendation.

"First and foremost it calls into question the motives of the trustees," Wallace said. "This was a serious and thoughtful process.

He said he was under the impression the reason the trustees were chosen to recommend a compensation package was because they were elected as well and therefore accountable to the public.

Trustee Jeff McGee said he was uneasy about serving on the committee in the first place because he could see how any recommendation would be open

to misunderstanding. "That report was not received favorably so my fears were realized." McGee said.

Still, he thinks the report is valid, although he is sorry it has caused bad feelings. When motions to adopt por-

tions of the report piece by piece. came, Wallace objected. He and McGee said they thought it was a total recommendation to be taken as a whole. Wenger moved that the board

approve retirement medical benefits for the officials. They would be eligible at age 55 and after serving two consecutive terms in office. However, they must apply for Medicare benefits when they become eligible for them. They also would have to pay any increases in premiums and a \$5 co-pay for prescriptions.

■ '...we have to go on with the business of the township. We've taken too much time

already (on the compensation issue)." Larry Rosso

Independence Township trustee

McGee and Wallace were concerned about the potential cost to the township for retirement medical benefits now and in the future because of the escalating cost of health care.

Rosso said the compensation issues needed to be resolved and he was willing to break with McGee and Wallace and voted with the full-time officials on all three motions. Travis is still ill and was not present. He did send board members a memo in November suggesting that if they could come to agreement on the retirement medical benefits,

perhaps the rest would follow.

Rosso said he is looking at political realities.

"The fault lies primarily with the (full-time) elected officials dragging on for a year," he said. "However, we have to go on with the business of the township. We've taken too much time already."

He said residents are fed up. But Wallace didn't think it as smart to pass something just to have a package in place.

"It seems now we are going to make this decision not on merits but on consensus, political realities and let's call it what it is,

expediency."
Salaries for the full-time officials will be \$60,500 for Stuart compared with \$58,000 now and \$54,000 each for McCrary and Wenger, compared to \$53,000 now. Those are 1999 salaries, A motion to make them for 2000 failed. By law the raises cannot be retroactive. Stuart said he doesn't know what will happen for salaries for 2000.

OBITUARIES

Laura N. 'Nell' Koch

Laura N. Koch of Clarkston died Dec. 23, 1999, at age 76. Mrs. Koch is survived by her husband, Nathan.

She is also survived by son Jim (Janna) Koch and four daughters, Judy Naughton, Peggy Bruni, Patty (Kent) Hascall and Sandy (Bob) Simpson. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Lisa, Chris, Alex, rica, Grayson, Robert and

Christa. Funeral services will be held Monday at Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation or Cranbrook Hospice.

Sharon Leone Spicer

Sharon Leone Spicer of Clarkston died Dec. 22, 1999, at age

Mrs. Spicer was a home care giver for elderly women for many years. She loved to play bingo. Mrs. Spicer was the beloved wife and soul mate of Charles for

43 years. She is survived by four sons and one daughter, Daniel (Lea), Randall (Linda), Charles (Denise), Bryan (fiancee' Karen) and Kimberly. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Spicer is also survived by five brothers, Richard, Robert, Melvin, Gary and John Haines, and four sisters, Donna Herr, Nancy Hodges, Darlene Beasley and Judy Haines.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 24, at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford.

Funeral arrangements were made by Coats Funeral Home.

James E. Willhite Sr.

James E. Willhite Sr. of Clarkston died Dec. 20, 1999, at age

Mr. Willhite owned and operated Montcalm Auto Glass, Pontiac. He was a member of Elks Lodge No. 810 and enjoyed bowling and golfing.

Mr. Willhite is survived by his wife, Josephine, and two children, Joanne (Charles) Johnson of Illinois and James (Ann) of Bloomfield. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Shari, Scott, Lynn and James, and three great grandchildren, Todd and Angela Starbuck.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Integrated Health Services or an organization of your choice.

HONOR ROLL

Following is the Clarkston Renaissance High School Honor Roll for First Quarter, 1999-

Bigelow, Jessica DeLeon, Lisa Glova, Matt Jazowski, Dawn Nesbitt, Jayme

3.0-3.49 Bilbey, Amanda Brotemarkel, Brian Chand, Gitanjeli

Eberle, Keena Filbey, George Kott, Shannon Lawson, Jessica Liford, Shana Spangler, Kerri Taylor, Tricia

2.75-2.9 Dendy, Rhonda Forsyth, Alan Gates, Amy Klein, Nate Kulis, Angela Smith, Taran Willis, Mandy

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Clarkston school events

Dec. 29: CHS varsity basketball — 4 p.m. Cobo Hall.

Dec. 29: CHS wrestling-A

–10 a.m. Goodrich Invita-

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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. It will be open Jan. 2.

Independence Township Recreation

Sign up for indoor co-ed volleyball begins Jan. 3. League runs Wednesdays starting Jan. 26. Sign up for spring soccer also

begins Jan. 3 for boys and girls ages 4-14. Independence Township

Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Closed Tuesday: Beef and biscuit Wednesday: Low-sodium ham Thursday: Macaroni and

Friday: Closed

Holiday closures

Independence Township offices: Closed Dec. 27 and 31. Springfield Township offices:

Closed Dec. 27 and 31. City of the Village of Clarkston: Closed Dec. 27 and 31

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Medical center brings health care closer to home

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER STAFF WRITER

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Patients filing in and out of Mid Oakland Medical Center all day long gives Dr. Charles Munk a satisfying feeling.

Munk, along with a group of other investors, built the medical building at M-15 and Dixie Highway in Independence Town-

ship.
"It's been a real labor of love," said Munk, who has practiced orthodontics in Clarkston for 30 years. "It makes me feel good seeing the parking lot full and people getting taken care of."

The center houses offices for a

family practice physician, a general surgeon, an internist, a der-matologist, an orthopedist, an endocrinologist, an ophthalmologist and an ear, nose and throat doctor, said Pete Ehrenberg of Premier Management Services,

who manages the building. St. Joseph Hospital leases the most space in the building and that is why that name is out front, he said. The building is owned by a group of investors. Doctors began moving into the building in May 1998, and it is now completely leased. Some physicians are still moving in. Ehrenberg said more doctors from St. Joseph are expected and a dental practice will be up and running soon, too, Also planned is a obstetrician/gynecologist

What makes Mid Oakland convenient, he said, is the care available beyond regular doctors'

Mid Oakland has a radiology practice so patients who need X-rays or a CT scan don't have to travel as far. The Michigan Institute for Radiation Oncology also has space in the building. Vickie Little is a registered nurse with special certification in radiation oncology. She said cancer patients getting radiation treatment normally come five days a week for anywhere from

four to six weeks.
"It makes a big difference" where the cancer patients live, Little said.

The next closest office in their group is in Pontiac. She said although she gets many patients from the north Oakland area, patients come from all over. Some are staying with family while they receive treatment.

The Institute uses a linear accelerator, considered state of the art for radiation treatment.

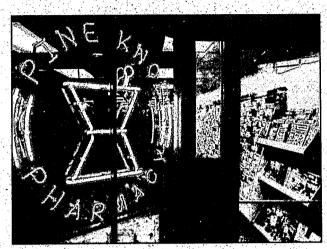
Little said. She added that the radiation oncologists, nurses and other staff members all work together to make sure patients receive the best care, A medical physicist also is on staff. The doctor prescribes the radiation treatment, and the medical physicist makes sure the dosage is distributed evenly and appro-

The Institute recently learned it will soon begin training resident physicians. Little said they are expecting a chemotherapy unit to move in soon near the radiation clinic.

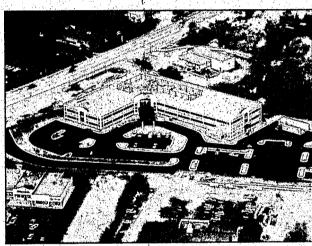
Mid Oakland also includes a kidney dialysis unit, a laboratory and a pharmacy, Ehrenberg said. Centers like Mid Oakland with a wide range of services are becoming more common, he said, because while they offer many specialists and specialized services like dialysis, the overhead is less than at a hospital and it is often closer for patients.

Dr. Munk said he built his original building during the Carter Administration because there was a need for medical office space and this latest project is a continuation of that.

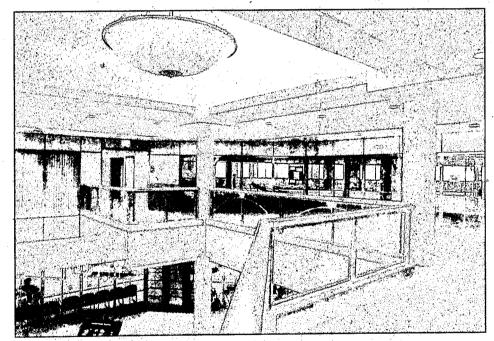
You can put up a lot of stuff on a piece of property, but I also wanted something up that would be in the best interest of the community," he said.



One stop: Having a pharmacy on site in the Mid Oak land Medical Center saves patients time and energy



From the air: The Mid Oakland Medical Center at M-15 and Dixie Highway opened 18 months ago.



Airy atmosphere: The second floor of Mid Oakland Medical Center is quiet first thing on a Wednesday morning. The medical building is still filling with physicians and related services.

POLICE NEWS

Following are some incidents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the City of the Village of Clark-

Independence Police No major reports.

Springfield Township

Malicious destruction

On Dec. 20, a 28-year-old woman reported her dog ran out of the house and returned injured in the 10200 block of Andersonville Road. She believed it was shot. There are no suspects at this time.

Malicious destruction

On Dec. 20, the owner of a vehicle parked in the 8700 block of **Andersonville Road** was keyed while the owner was at

Larceny from automobile On Dec. 23, someone smashed

the side windows of an automobile parked in the driveway in the 9200 block of Ute Point. It resulted in damage to the dash board and the rear seat, where it

was ripped open to get into the

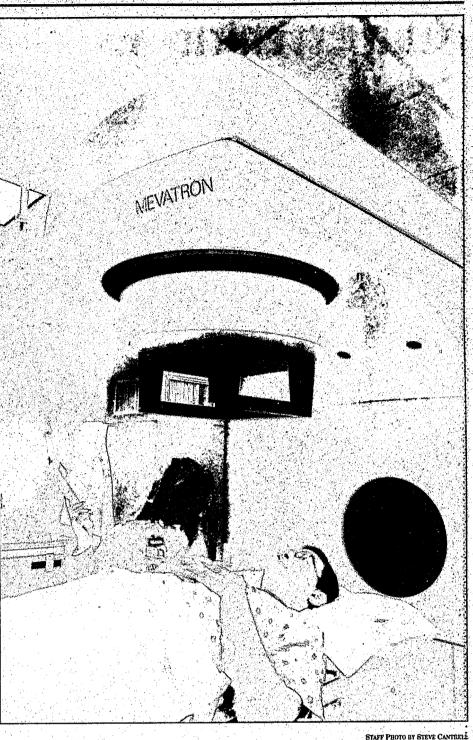
Clarkston Police

No major reports

Independence Fire

 $Fire\ calls$

The Independence Township Fire Department responded to 10 calls Dec. 20-22. These included eight medical calls, one personal-injury call and one public service call.



State of the art: Darlene Patterson and Matt Davis show how the linear accelerator at the Michigan Institute for Radiation Oncology works.

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batteries, kerosene and kerosene heaters, kerosene cans, water in gallon jugs, enough fire logs to fill a couple of houses, Sherk

said, and some generators "We even have flashlights that don't need batteries," he added. These are solar powered and also powered by the old fashioned hand-cranking method. Turning the crank gives flashlights 15

minutes of power.
Clarkston True Value is closed
Jan. 1 but reopens at 10 a.m.
Jan. 2.

Here are some other local stores that are well-prepared with Y2K emergency supplies:

M ACO Hardware, 5591 Sashabaw Road, Assistant manager Brian Doetsch said the ACO warehouse is sending supplies constantly to its stores.
"Batteries, flashlights and

water are in big demand right now," he said.

The store also is well-stocked with fire starters and fire logs, batteries, drinking water, flashlights, gas and kerosene cans, oil lamps and oil, Coleman fuel and charcoal, hand-operated can openers and canned soups.
"We're carrying more than we

normally do of these items," he added. The store will reopen Jan. 2 after being closed New Year's Day.

■ Damman Hardware, 6669 Dixie Highway. Marg Quesnell, store manager, said the store is ready for customers needing Y2K supplies. It has stocks of water-filtering pitchers and filters, warm hats and gloves, propane-powered heaters, propane and kerosene in smaller containers, wind-up flashlights, hand-operated can openers, emergency candles and more. It's closed New Year's Day and opens again Jan. 2.

■ Rite Aid Pharmacy, 5789



Help is there: Local hardware stores are keeping their shelves filled as much as possible with Y2K emergency items.

Ortonville Road, The marketing office in Pennsylvania said all the stores are stocked with extra water, batteries, flashlights and different items people are looking for. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 1

Rudy's Quality Market, 9 S. Main St. "We're prepared for any Y2K crisis," said Robert Esshaki, who owns the market with partner Chris Thomas. "If anyone has been in our store, they know we are fully stocked all the time. We have fresh food and canned food and water. Just come here on Jan. 1 if you need something to eat," he said.

CVS Pharmacy, 7091 Dixie Highway. Assistant manager

Dennis Halloway said he hasn't seen a rush yet on any certain "I think people either already have the products they think they need or they don't think anything will happen," he said. He added the store, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 1, has many emergency items in stock, including mittens, hats, socks and long under-

Farmer Jack Markets, 7121 Dixie Highway. Manager Steve Weiss has noticed customers purchasing a lot of paper products. "I don't know if that's due to Christmas or to Y2K," he said. The store has ordered extras of any supplies customers

may need and will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 1.

■ Kroger Co., 6625 Dixie Highway. "We're not anticipating any shortages," said Kroger spokesman Gary Rhodes. But the chain stores have taken an active approach to order more items for Y2K.

"We have increased orders for pharmaceuticals, batteries, bot-tled water and New Year's party-related supplies and other items, like canned goods," Rhodes added. It will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 1.

Waterford Eccentric reporter Paul Pace contributed to this

RED CROSS CHECK LIST

The following check list for Y2K preparedness comes from the American Red Cross:

■ Increase stock of honperishable goods to last several days to a week for your family. This includes stored water, nonperishable food and an ample supply of prescription and non-prescription medications that you regularly use.

Prepare as you would for a storm. Have extra cash on hand or travelers checks in case electronic transactions cannot be processed.

Keep your gas tank in your vehicles above half full.

■ In case the power fails, plan to use alternative cooking devices. Don't use open flames or charcoal grills indoors.

■ Have extra blankets, coats and gloves to keep warm. Don't use gas-fueled appliances, such as ovens, as an alternative heat

■ Have plenty of flashlights and extra batteries on hand. Don't use candles for emergency

Be prepared to relocate to a shelter for warmth and protection during a prolonged power outage or if for any other reason local officials request that you leave your home.

■ If you plan to use a portable generator, connect what you want to power directly to the generator. Don't connect the generator to your home's electrical system. Also be sure to keep a generator in a well-ventilated area, not inside your home.

Independence ready for 2000, supervisor says

Township Independence Supervisor Dale Stuart said residents have nothing to fear when the clock ticks to 12:01 a.m. on

"You don't have to worry about this because we are," he said. Township employees will be on hand from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. New Year's Eve just to keep an eye on things. If for some reason there is a problem, they can deal

with it, he said.
"We believe the township is ready for the year 2000," he said. If there a medical, police or

fire emergency, people should call 911 as usual. For other types of problems, people should call the normal township number,

625-5111. The calls will get answered, Stuart said. He asked, however, not to call unless it is a true emergency

No one will be at the Springfield Township offices on New Year's Eve, Clerk Nancy Strole said. Since the township has no Department of Public Works and does not run its own water and sewer system, there isn't a lot to worry about.

Of course, fire and police personnel will be working as usual.

The same is true in the City of the Village of Clarkston. City Manager Art Pappas said police and fire services will be available, but no one will be at City



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plete with bayonet. The weapon belonged to Alfred

Rentz of southeastern Michigan,

a member of the 24th Infantry

(later known as the "Iron

According to Jones, the rifle was purchased by Rentz for

\$19.25 in October, 1863. Because

it was not issued by the U.S.

Army, Rentz did not have to

return it after the war ended in

Rentz was the great-grandfa-

ther of Jones' wife's aunt. In 1988, knowing that Jones taught

history, the rifle was given to

him as a present. After he scrubbed the weapon clean, it showed that it was made in 1863

in Watertown, N.Y. What made the rifle especially

rare was that it still had the

original bayonet, which came in

handy for roasting meat on a campfire or (as a candle holder) reading by candlelight.

Jones, with the assistance of a student, demonstrated the nine-

step process of loading and firing the rifle. He discharged blanks,

but the noise was still deafening-

April, 1865.

Teacher wows students

Civil War 'trivia' not so trivial

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t was almost as if their tables and chairs were set up on the rolling Gettysburg terrain, instead of in a classroom at Our Lady of Sorrows

Civil War history literally came to life, during a presentation by Sorrows teacher Ron Jones. Clad in a Union cavalry uniform, Jones provided seventh- and eighth-graders with a visual lesson about how 1860s soldiers lived from day to day.

For example, a myriad of seemingly trivial items covered a table in front of the classroom at the Catholic school in Farmington. There was hard tack, a bis-cuit which Jones insists was made by his wife a decade ago.

"The joke was when you ran out of bullets, just throw this at Johnny Reb'," said Jones in mat-

ter-of-fact fashion.
A small metal can of Borden's Condensed Milk, a pouch of tobacco, deck of playing cards and miniature Holy Bible also were displayed and detailed by the Civil War expert

Soldiers, he explained, never went anywhere without family tintypes (1840s photographs) and a sewing kit known simply as a "housewife.

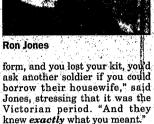
"If you needed to sew your uni-



Victorian period. "And they knew exactly what you meant."

About the family tintypes, Jones noted that images of home were something soldiers always carried close to their hearts.,

Probably his most cherished Civil War memento; and one that had students sitting on the edge of their chairs, was an authentic 58-caliber rifle. com-



ly real to the students. Because of the cumbersome loading and firing, Civil War soldiers could only shoot three round or cone-shaped metal balls per minute.

Sometimes, 20 seconds wouldn't be enough time to load, if the enemy charged from nearby

"A soldier can run 100 yards in that amount of time," Jones said. "So, if the opposition charges you before you can load, then you use this," pointing to the bayonet.

Several Sorrows students were wowed by the presentation, mostly the rifle and bayonet. "That was pretty sweet," said

eighth-grader George Mammo. "I liked the gun and bayonet," said Mike Volovar, also an eighth-grader. "It was pretty cool how he used a blank and fired it."

Another student, Samantha Lawrence, thought the rifle was the most interesting part of the presentation "because it was actually used."



Pocket Soldiers often carried tintype photos (left) of theirlovedones.



Soldler's meal: Hard tack was the Civil War equivalent of C-rations, and well named.

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Paying attention: KatieEgan was a rapt listener as . Ron Jones made his Civil War presenta tion.

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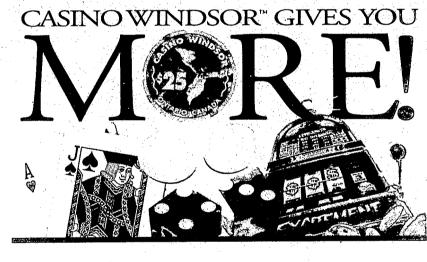
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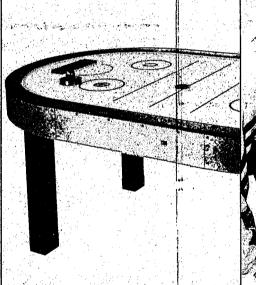
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When it was originally found-

12 committees which met and

reported on a monthly basis,

Patterson said. As a permanent

advisory committee, the number of committees has been reduced

to six which meet on a regular,

not necessarily monthly, basis. Troy resident Robert Williams

Jr. of Cadillac Products, Inc., has

been a member of the roundtable since its inception. "It provides a

valuable forum for business and

government to interact," he said. "The entire community is better

don't sit on a shelf somewhere."

'Temporary' Business Roundtable goes full-time in Oakland County

Business the Roundtable was formed in 1993, it was envisioned as a temporary advisory committee to convey the concerns of the business community to Oakland County govern-

But the roundtable has been so successful, according to county Executive L. Brooks Patterson, it is now considered a permanent organization — made up of executives most familiar with

the business climate.
"The roundtable's dedication to hard work and commitment to excellence have resulted in the establishment of many innovative programs," Patterson said recently, at the roundtable's annual breakfast meeting at the Troy Marriott.

Over the years, the roundtable has made dozens of recommendations, the executive said, many of which have been implemented. The "One Stop Shop" for business development is an example, he said.

Patterson was referring to the office in the executive building at the Oakland County Complex where businesses have access to government agencies and most of their records - including those

... part of the roundtable's suc-cess is attributable to the fact business people know their recommendations will get prompt consideration and follow-up action.

needed to more speedily process

mortgage applications.

Also on the recommendation of the roundtable, the county has:

Created an Export Assis tance Center to facilitate foreign

Created a county office to focus on revitalization and development of downtowns.

Upgraded Oakland County International Airport to facilitate business travel

Cooperated with Bishop International Airport in Flint for assenger service.

Created a marketing strategy to promote Oakland County as a place to live and do business Automation Alley as a robotics and high-tech center.

Automation Alley website tops 1 million 'hits'

One year after going online, the Automation Alley website has surpassed one million hits. There have been 1,018,565 inquiries, which includes requests for data such as a web page, graphic or file, made to the website since Nov. 9, 1998, when Phase I of the Automation Alley project was officially launched

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the world, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said, adding that nearly 130 firms are now onboard as mem-



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Patterson has frequently said part of the roundtable's success is attributable to the fact busi-

Williams, 1969 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Birmingham, initially served on the roundtable's Regulatory Affairs Committee, In 1999, he was on the Workforce and Education Committee

Williams said the most impored, the roundtable consisted of tant recommendation from that committee was the expansion of adult education programs for existing workers. "Many businesses — like ours — want to upgrade the skills of their workers, so we don't have to go out-

side to get the skills we need."

The Workforce and Education Committee has more importance in light of predictions that Oakland's business climate - the most robust in Michigan — could be seriously affected because of the shortage of skilled workers.

Villages to get 2 votes

By MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

If it seems silly to have two elections in the same month, one to elect local municipal leaders and another to pick presidential candidates, state representatives agree

But for this coming February, when the Republican presidential primary and some village elections are scheduled separately in the same month, there is nothing they can do.

A proposal to combine such elections in villages is lan-guishing in the legislature.

House Bill 5112, sponsored by Rep. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), proposes to allow for such elections to be combined. The bill has won approval from the House but senators have yet to take action on it.

The problem came up when lawmakers voted earlier this year to move up the presidential primary to Feb. 22. The move was intended to give the state a more prominent role in selecting the GOP presidential candidates.

But many villages hold elections in February. One example is Beverly Hills, in Godchaux's district. She proposed the legislation to help that village avoid the additional cost and trouble of running two elections the same month.

If eventually approved, the bill will allow village elections to be combined in future years with presidential primaries, even in villages whose charters specify a different date, if they are less than 31 days apart. Village election dates could be altered by resolution of the council.







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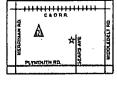
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Of all the ways to spend the day after Christmas, shopping is on the top of many,

And, the question that's probably on everybody's mind is "what's going to be on sale?"

There were many fads and trends this season, so rest assured there will be many items on sales racks and tables the day after Christ-

mas. In many cases, they'll be available in bountiful quantities, too.

Retailers have tired of their fall and winter apparel and already need to make room for spring and cruise mer-chandise. In fact, spring collections are expected to arrive in stores in Jan-

uary and February.

That's good news for fashion devotees and those of us who passed on expensive trends, like Pashmina shawls and scarves

I did a bit of shopping with retailers' space concerns in mind. I also talked with store owners about what they expect to see on sale the day after

In general, trendy merchandise and anything shoppers saw in abundance will be readily available at bargain prices following Christmas.

Since just about every retailer stocked up on cashmere apparel and accessories, from boat-neck sweaters to living room throws, shoppers are likely to find a plethora of cashmere goods with slashed price tags. Even cashmere classics – a black turtleneck colorful twin-set or winter scarf - will likely be available at bargain prices.

Stores also have been teeming with scented goods and aromatherapy products aimed at easing stress, promoting relaxation and living well.

Given the sheer quantity of scented merchandise and the array of choices in the category, fragrant candles and aromatic bath products are sure to be out there at basement prices.

The days after Christmas will likely be an excellent opportunity to snag a deal on a leather jacket, jeans or skirt since designers and retailers offered a plethora of leather apparel this year. Micro-fiber apparel and goods also were abundant, so look for bargains on wallets, bags, purses and boots in the

Of course, holiday merchandise will also be marked down. Beyond holiday cards, wrapping paper and tree ornaments, look for special occasion sweaters that can be worn in the evening and in the day.

In luxurious fabrics, like cashmere and mohair, with beads, sequins and other shiny details, many special occasion sweaters can be purchased by last-minute planners to pair with dressy bottoms to wear on New Year's Eve. Other evening wear, including

ly go down in price after Christmas.

Other merchandise that shoppers will likely see at bargain prices include bead bracelets in vibrant colors, sterling silver jewelry, felted-wool clothing, hooded sweatshirts and sweaters, puffy, quilted-nylon outer wear, especially vests, and just about anything made of fleece.

Also, many retailers began discount-ing their merchandise before Christmas, so keep in mind that items you saw on sale while shopping for gifts may be available for even less on

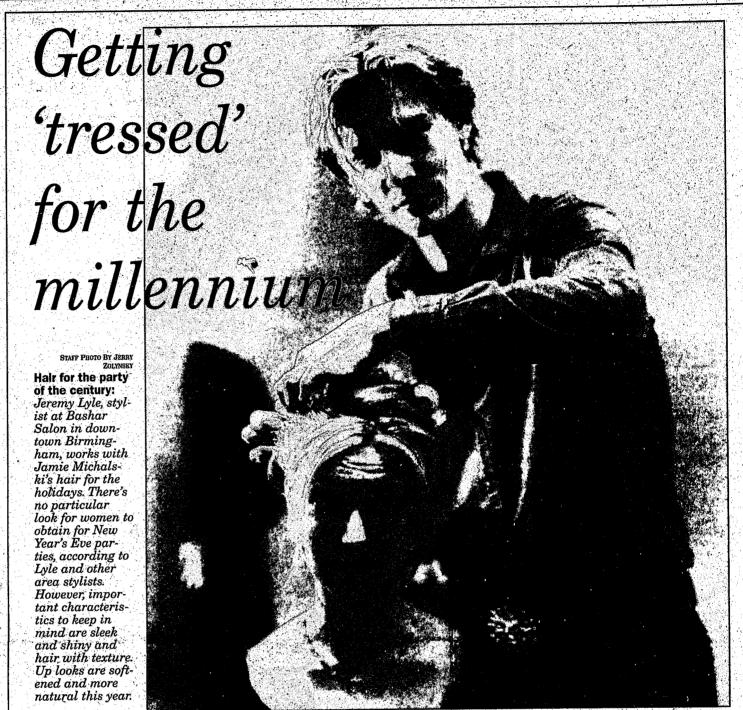
Lillith in downtown Birmingham, for example, began their semi-annual sale the week of Christmas. Among the items discounted by 30 percent were tulle skirts in silver and magen-

ta and cashmere sweaters. Rear Ends in West Bloomfield also marked down fall apparel prior to Christmas. Items on their sales racks included fur-trimmed sweaters by Erik Stewart, knit tops and sweaters by Buffalo and Easel, At Maxwell, a men's clothing store in downtown Birmingham, designer sportswear by Hugo Boss, Zegna and Zanella, as well as, wool, three-button suits were put on sale before Christmas.

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In other words, if you're looking for a bargain, chances are you'll find many, especially on trendy items, overstocked merchandise and goods that went on sale before Christmas. Happy

bargain-hunting! Cari Waldman is a free-lance stylist and writer who lives in West Bloomfield. Please send your style and shop ping questions to Cari at OERealDeal@aol.com.



There's no particular look, but lots of options

The dress is certainly a head-turner. And those heels for which you shopped forever certainly give your gams a long, lean elegance. Accessories? You've got that down to a fine art.

Looks like you're ready to take on New Year's Eve in high style. But what about your hair?

For the final party of the 20th century, you should settle for nothing less than the perfect

Like fashion, this year's most popular hairstyles embrace the past with a nod to the future, so don't be surprised. if

you see a retro do or "We're going back to looks I've seen before in my 30 years in this business. Styles are retro, allure and renaissance, but each generation gives it a twist," said H.C. Scott, owner of Scott's Hair Unlimited Salon in Rochester and past president of the Michigan Cosmetologists Association.

In the '60s, "ratting"

gave hair volume and height. Now, in the twi-light of the '90s, teas-

ing the hair up in back is termed "back-comb-

ing." But, instead of

Decorative up-do: Magnetic rhinestones lend elegance to upswept hair styled at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.

pasting hair high up, stylists are striving for

more of a natural look around the face.
"It's not like a bouffant. You're not going to get big hair," said Lisa Willard, a stylist at Salon International in Plymouth and resident "up-do" specialist. This year's look is either more loose and tasseled or smooth and slick with very large, interwoven curls, she said. Willard terms the look a "controlled mess," and keeps it elegant, loose and fun.

"In the past years, it's been twists and tiny curls. Thank God they're not doing that again," she said. And, even short hair can be given an up-style," said Willard.

Jeremy Lyle, a stylist at Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, had a different take on short-

er hair. Bobs with interior layers and a windlown look are popular for the holiday season, he said.

However, there isn't one particular hair look that women should be striving to obtain, whether they have long or short hair, he said. One characteristic of current hair trends is that styles are "more sleek and shiny," he said. "Textures are also very important this year, either with the cut or with styling products," Lyle said.

For straightening hair and making it sleek and shiny, Lyle recommends using a finishing product called

Straight by Bumble & Bumble. Buff, a weightless, greaseless pomade by Sebastian, does a good job at creating texture in the hair, said Lyle.

Hair ornamentation, including clips, rhinestones, bobby pins and other accessories, are still popular, especially with the younger crowd. However. Lyle said many of his clients are shving away from these accessories.

The same applies to hair glitter. "Glitter is in, but light glitter," said Scott. "If it's heavier, it looks like dandruff."

At Salone Nadwa in Novi, owner Nadwa Yono uses a simple style to give volume and texture, then pulls hair into a ponytail, rolls it over to one and pins it. She often adds a decorative headband or magnetic rhinestones to complete the look. She prefers magnetic to Velcro clips because they stay in place better.

"We had the butterfly clips last year. Now they're out, but accessories are the biggest thing going on. A lot of major designers are using them in shows," Yono said.

What stylists do agree on is suiting your hair style to your clothing. Whether your party plans include an elegant ball or something a little more revved up, the hair style you choose should com-

plement your outfit.
"The first thing I ask is What are you going to wear?' That has a lot to do with how the hair is put up," said Lyle. For spaghetti straps or bare shoulders, he suggests leaving the hair down to frame the face. With a higher collar, putting up the hair offers balance.

For those with medium or long hair lengths who prefer to do their own New Year's Eve style, Willard suggests using big rollers. Let the hair fall and then pick up strands and pin them, she said. Or, just let the strands hang loose. For the holidays she said, "There's no real set style. It's whatever looks good on you."

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MUDSON'S FIRST FRIDAY

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PRIORITY BRIDAL REGISTRATION

Hudson's stores at the Somerset Collection and Oak-land Mall in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi hold priority bridal registration events. Brides-to-be are able to register before regular store hours and receive special assistance, 9:30 a.m., Gift Registry department. Reservations are required. Please call or stop by your local Hudson's Gift Registry depart-

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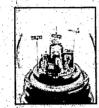
Midnight ice: Jewelry designer David Yurman commemorates the millennium with a new collection of jewelry, the Midnight Ice Collection. The collection features pavé diamonds, black onyx, sterling silver and 18-karat gold, starting at \$925 exclusively at Neiman Marcus.



Spring lips: Beauty retailer L'Occitane will introduce a lip color collection in March 2000, \$13-16 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Tasteful memorabilla: Fitz and Floyd's millennium tapestry plate captures the 20th century with charm and taste, \$500 at Hudson's



PHOTOGRAPHED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SAKS FIFTH AVENUE BY JAMES MURRAY Icons: Celebrate the 20th century with a water globe display-ing cultural icons of the time, \$75 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Twelve Oaks Mall greets year 2000 with a new look and addition of several stores

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi has a new Court elevator, a new customer service look for the new millennium.

The 180-store shopping mall recently completed a major renovation and

added several new retailers. The renovation includes a 50-seat lobby-style lounge, eight additional seating pods, new tile flooring and indoor and outdoor signs.

The new lounge and addition of seating for 175 people caps the second phase of a renovation that has spanned nearly four years.

Twelve Oaks Mall began renovation in 1996. Earlier improvements brought a family rest room, the mall's Pop-Up Storybook play area, a second Center

center, direct-access phone directories and renovated entrances.

The new lounge was designed to resemble a hotel lobby and features sofas and chairs, planters, end tables and reading lamps. The mall's new seating pods also are furnished with sofas, chairs and reading lamps for comfortable seating, relaxing and people-watching.

The mall's new sign system is aimed at directing shoppers to department stores, rest rooms and management offices in a customer-friendly way.

While 10 new retailers have set up shop at the mall since July, several are slated to open in 2000. They include Build-A-Bear Workshop, a make-ityourself luxury bear store, Everything But Water, a fashion swim wear retailer, M Den, a University of Michigan merchandise store, and Baby Gap.

Sephora, an innovative cosmetics and perfume retailer, is slated to open

Also, several retailers have relocated or expanded their store spaces at Twelve Oaks Mall in the past year.

Twelve Oaks Mall is located at I-96 a nd Novi Road and is open 10 a.m.-9 p. m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p. m. Sunday. For additional information, call (248) 348-9438.

WHERE CAN I FINI This interactive Crown Ducal pottery from England may be feature is dedicated to helping read-

available at the ers locate merchandise that's Shanfield Meyers difficult to find store in Windsor. through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 log, (800) 300-2600 and leave a message with your name and phone FIND & SEARCH number. We pub-NOTES:

readers lish requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But,

please, be patient;

we handle an over-

whelming number

of requests each week.

WHAT WE'RE

WHAT WE FOUND: A video tape of the movie "Heidi," starring Tree" ornament Shirley Temple for Marsha. can be purchased through 800.com.

(800) 327-5815. Decorative areas for Tom. decals are sold at Har-Bon Ceramics, (517) 595-2463

- One He-Man castle and one yogurt maker is available from a reader.

- A cookie press can be purchased at Brookside Hardware in Novi, (248) 349-

Ironstone

where small, round brushes used for cleaning electric razors are sold

- An undergarfor Jean. - A set of Ben beneath culottes is available from the Hane's cata-

 Due to a new phone system, readers were unable to reach the "Where Can You Find" hot line last week. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

We're still looking for carpet tiles. Home Depot does not carry

LOOKING FOR: - A carousel

slide projector for Margaret.

- A 1982
Waterford "Partridge in a Pear

- A mail box shaped like a tractor for rural

- An original or restored RCA table model phonograph with a brass horn for Andy of Canton.

- The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.

Oneida "Twin Star" sil-Betty Crocker for Janet.

Hogan golf club head covers (for woods) in black leather for Larry.

– A 1943 Ford-

son High School yearbook

- A millennium camera with sayings at the bottom for Joanne.

- A store or

stores where Nabisco Rainbow Cookie Stix and Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo pasta sauce is sold for Alice.

– A where cole slaw seasoning mix in a package is available Mary.

salad dressing called He-Man

- Roquefort cheese for Lee. A video tape of the play "Tru,"

starring Robert Morse, for Suzy A store where a policeman's uniform for a 5-year-old (size 5/6) can be

Thelma. - The original edition (not gift edition) of the book "Joshua" by Joseph Gir-

zone for Jean. Space Shoes 2000 for use on a trampoline (formerly available through

Book) for Carol. An antique full-size, brass

rain lamp from the 1960s and 1970s (includes a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.

- A store that sells "High Karate" cologne for men for Jerry.

- A jam-like barbecue sauce made from beef by Bovril for Nora.

- A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.

- A store that sells Benson's fruit cakes for Brenda.

– A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapell and the lyrics and music for the song Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.

The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.

Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian. Buster Brown cotton purchased for anklets without elastic

Eleanor.

- Boxer shorts in a beige tone for Stein of South

Alberto Rossi lipstick for Georgia.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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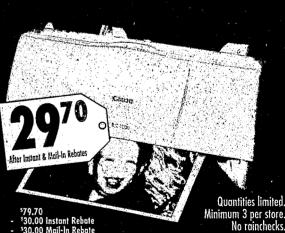
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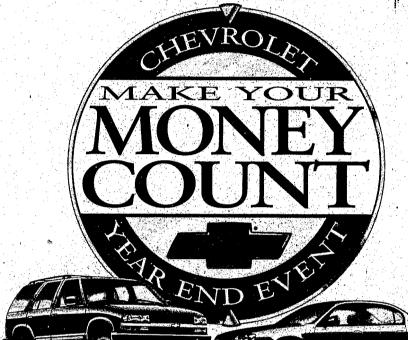
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December 26, 1999





RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Clink glasses and toast the new year

he countdown has begun. Here's some fizz ed to help you pick a memorable bubbly.
Champagne should be served

chilled from the refrigerator at 40°F or from a champagne bucket filled with half water and ice. Glasses should be either tall flutes or long tulip-shaped. A 750mL bottle serves

Plan on two to three glasses per person at a sparkling cocktail party and 2/3 of bottle per person at an allsparkling wine dinner.

Bubbly styles

Sparklers labeled Blancs de Blancs are almost always 100 percent chardonnay. They are delicate and dry. It is traditional to match them with oysters, smoked salmon, caviar or paté. They pair with soft cheeses, such as brie, goat cheese and gor-

Non-vintage (NV) bruts represent a producer's style. They are generally blends of chardonnay and pinot noir. Vintage-dated bruts represent the characteristics of a particular year. and are generally only made in top vintages. Both take to salty foods, such as nuts, thin slices of Parmeg giano-Reggiano cheese, prosciutto or

freshly-popped popcorn (no kidding). A sparkler labeled Extra Dry is slightly sweeter than Brut.

A Blanc de Noirs is made from pinot noir and takes to any dish with mushrooms. It's also excellent with game birds or peached salmon. For dessert or ushering in the millennium in a special way, serve it with chocolate-dipped strawberries and amaze your guests.

A Brut Rosé and rack of lamb is sensational. Try it with steak or Mediterranean cuisine, including grilled tuna with a tomato, olive oil and garlic sauce, duck or venison.

A bubbly dubbed tete-de-cuvée is

the top wine in that brand.

Champagne or sparkling wine, in a 1.5L bottle, also called a magnum, has the best taste. No one really knows why, but it's true. Domaine Carneros Brut Vintage Millennium bottles (both 1994 and 1996 vintage) are available in magnum at \$53. The bottle has been dressed in festive wear with a gold 2000 screened onto the front. Good looks and great taste. Domaine Carneros is owned by Taittinger Champagne of France.

Marketing surveys indicate that more than half the people who have never drunk champagne before will this New Year's Eve, and nearly all people who have celebrated with champagne before will make a choice that is higher in price than their

Here are our favorite bubbly baubles for your champagne glass:

■ Blanc de Blancs

1993 Champagne Deutz Blanc de Blancs \$69

1993 Domaine Carneros Le Reve

1991 Iron Horse Blanc de Blancs \$30

1996 Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs

\$28.50 ■ Non-vintage Brut

Champagne Louis Roederer Brut.

Premier \$42 Champagne Deutz Brut Classic \$38 Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut

Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut \$19

■ Vintage Brut

1988 Piper-Heidsieck Rare \$70 (made only in years of exceptional quality such as 1979 and 1985, then

1992 Schramsberg J. Schram \$65

(tete-de-cuvée) 1991 Iron Horse Brut LD \$60

Please see WINE, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

Focus on Wine

Living Better Sensibly



judges to taste. Pictured (left to right) are Dorothy Dandridge Delight, James Galway's Flute, Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Malty, Savory Sinatra Sizzler, and Kirk Chocolate Maltby.

'Stars of the Century' this year's theme of **Zero-Proof Mix-Off**

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

hick and creamy, with just a hint of almond, Kirk Chocolate Maltby – named for the Detroit Red Wing hockey player, will help you achieve your goal of serving tasty, but alcohol-free, drinks on

New Year's Eve. Created by Margie Thomas of New Hudson, the drink was judged number one by me and two other judges in a Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan on Oct. 7 at the Westin Hotel in Southfield's Town



Cheers: The judges, Keely Wygonik (left to right), James Schultz, and Sgt. Michael Mellec, click glasses to toast the holidays and sample Savory Sinatra Sizzler, one of the drinks entered in the AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest at the Westin Hotel in Southfield.

Joining me at the judge's table were James Schultz, administrator, Michigan Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation Systems Center, and Sgt. Michael Mellec of the Southfield Police Department.

The Southfield contest was one of three. The others were in Petoskey and Grand Rapids. Five finalists, selected from entries from all over the state, were chosen to mix their drinks in person at each of the

three Zero-Proof Mix-Offs.
Three local community leaders tasted the drinks at each mix-off and picked their favorites. The winner in each contest received \$500 and the Golden Stirrer Award plaque. Runner-ups were awarded a ski or golf weekend for two at a Shanty Creek Resort, plus \$50. Honorable mentions each received

This year's theme was "Stars of the Century." In addition to Thomas, the finalists at the Southfield Zero-Proof Mix-Off included Victor Garske of Birmingham, Darryl James of Southfield, Camille Barr of Harper Woods and Renee Reeves of Milford.

Garske was named a runner-up for his James Galway's Flute, a flavorful blend of raspherry and lemon sorbet, lemonade and sparkling raspberry juice.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Barr for her Savory Sinatra Sizzler, James who created an exotdridge Delight after one of the first African-American women to achieve stardom in Hollywood, and Reeves for Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Malty named after comedian Milton

As the finalists prepared their drink, they described the ingredi-



First-place winner: Margie Thomas garnishes her Golden Stirrer Award-winning drink, Kirk Chocolate Maltby, named after the Detroit Red Wing Hockey player.



Runner-up: Victor Garske of Birmingham pours raspberry lemon-ade into "flutes" to make his special drink, James Gal-way's Flute, at the AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off con-



Honorable mention: Darryl James of Southfield measures Ribena, a black currant juice drink mix, as he prepares Dorothy Dandridge Delight, an exotic drink named after an actress.

ents and explained how they creat-

We were told to rate the recipes based on appearance, taste and creativity of the name (each recipe was to be named after a famous entertainer or sports celebrity).

was the most factor, but the drink also had to look nice and be easy to make.

As James created his drink, he explained that because he thought Dorothy Dandridge was beautiful and exotic, he chose really interesting ingredients including Ribenea, a concentrated black current juice

drink mix, and aqualibra, a sparkling fruit and herbal drink.

Garske said his James Galway's Flute can be prepared in any kind of glass and describes it as being "cool and refreshing," just like the music James Galway plays on the

As she created her Savory Sinatra Sizzler, Barr played some of Frank Sinatra's music. Because "Sinatra did everything with a passion," one of the ingredients in her drink is Old Orchard Apple Passion

Please see PRETENDERS. B2

Gala brings families together for food, fun

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY SPECIAL WRITER

Take eight couples, 21 kids, and two days, and what do you get? The ingredients for a memorable new year

Lisa Rahn and Tina Forsberg of Beverly Hills began organizing a New Year's Gala four years ago to provide themselves and their children a fun, wholesome and safe way to end one year and begin the next.

The group divides up between two houses for dinner, which is traditionally lasagna.

"When I say divide up. I really mean divide." said Rahn. "One spouse goes to one house, the other to the second. Children from one family are also divided between the two houses. This way the guests mingle with others instead of with their own families.

"But this is only a temporary separation, only for dinner. At 10 p.m. we all end up at one of the houses for dessert and our New Year's Eve party. All the families help provide the food for the dinner and the party after-

Their celebration follows a traditional mode with hats and noisemakers (packed away each year for the next year). For the midnight toast, adults are served champagne. The children are served grape juice "Sometimes we have everyone write down and bring

their best memory of the past year to share with the other guests. This year, in keeping with the new millennium theme, we're going to bring written thoughts and items for a time capsule. We just haven't decided where we're going to bury it," said Rahn.

The group's celebration doesn't end at midnight. Fathers rise early on New Year's Day to prepare breakfast at still another house. Spouses and children arrive later for an abundant first meal of the year. Then the wives go to a movie, while their husbands and kids watch football games on TV.

"We rejoin our husbands and kids for the Rose Bowl Game, and for more food and togetherness," said Rahn. According to Rahn, their annual celebration is full of friendship, food and fun. "And what can be better than

TRADITIONAL FAMILY LASAGNA

Vegetable oil spray

1 pound ground round 1 clove garlle, minced

1 tablespoon basil 2 teaspoons salt, divided 2 (6-ounce) cans tomato paste 2 eggs

3 cups cream-style cottage cheese

1 (16-ounce) can chopped tomatoes

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 tablespoons parsley flakes

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1 pound mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced 10 ounces lasagna noodles, cooked and drained

Spray a 13-by-9-inch baking pan with vegetable oil Brown meat in skillet over medium heat; drain excess grease. Add next five ingredients. Simmer uncovered for 20-30 minutes (until thickened), stirring occasional-

Beat eggs and add remaining ingredients, except mozzarella cheese and noodles.

Layer half the noodles on bottom of pan. Add a layer of half the egg mixture, half the meat mixture. Top with half the mozzarella cheese.

Repeat layers. Bake at 375°F for 40 minutes. Let cool

slightly before serving. Serves 8-10.

Recipe compliments of Lisa Rahn

Wine from page B1

(seven years on the yeast in Vintage Brut \$24 the bottle before disgorging; tete-de-cuvée)

1990 Piper-Heidsieck Brut intage \$50

1993 Champagne Deutz Brut \$48 1993 Roederer Estate Anderson Valley L'Ermitage

\$38 (tete-de-cuvée). 1994 Iron Horse Classic

1994 Iron Horse Russian Cuvée \$25 (creamier than the Classic Vintage; also suitable as a dessert pour)

■ Blanc de Noirs

1993 Schramsberg Reserve \$47

1996 Iron Horse Wedding Cuvée \$30

de Noirs \$28.50

■ Brut Rosé

1993 Champagne Deutz sieck Extra Dry \$32 Brut Rosé \$52

Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut Rose \$40

1996 Schramsberg Brut Rosé \$28.50

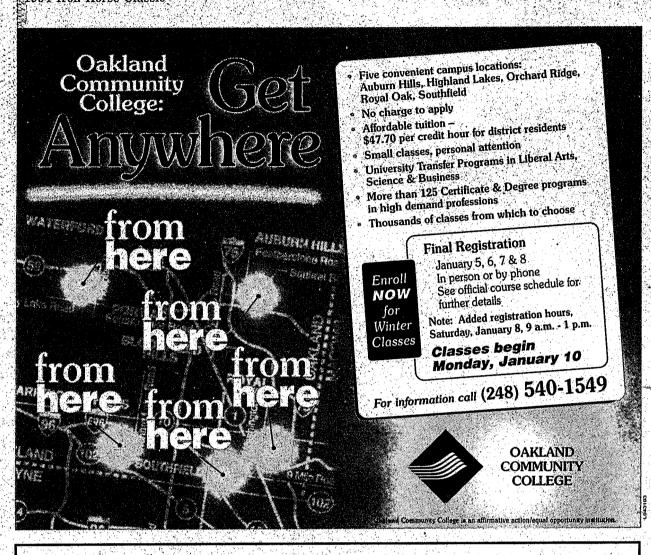
1994 Iron Horse Vine-

1995 Schramsberg Blanc yards Brut Rosé \$28

■ Extra Dry

Champagne Piper-Heid-

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Reeves wore a straw hat as she prepared Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Malty, a fruity tropical blend of vanilla ice cream, banana, coconut. lime juice and lemon-lime soda. "It's an easy, breezy drink," she said.
"I think it will appeal to every-one in the family. It's smooth and refreshing, with or without ice cream.

As the contestants mixed their drinks, the judges and I toasted each one for his creativity and delicious taste. We could pick only one winner, and Thomas' Kirk Chocolate Maltby — ice cream blended with malted milk powder or syrup, almond extract, topped with whipped cream and shaved chocolate - was our favorite hands-down.

Now in its 21st year, the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest is part of AAA of Michigan's ongoing effort to discourage motorists from driving after drinking alcoholic

beverages.

Look for the winning recipes in The Great Pretenders Party Guide," available at local AAA Michigan branch offices, or call (800) AAA-MICH to order a copy. Online, you'll find the recipes at www. aaamich. com . Click and

Tips for being "First a Friend, Then A Host"

Serve a variety of nonal-coholic beverages, and don't force alcohol drinks on

Slow down the drinking rate with lively conversation party games and lots of good

■ Put away the alcoholic beverages after a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are avail-

E Serve protein-rich and starchy foods throughout the party to help retard alcohol absorption. Encourage car pooling,

and have small gifts for designated drivers. From AAA Michigan

go to News and Information. You can also send an e-mail request for "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," to pr@ aaamich. com be sure to include your mailing address. The booklet cannot be sent via e-mail.

Toast the new year with flavorful, alcohol-free drinks

See related story on Taste

Front.
KIRK CHOCOLATE MALTBY 1 1/2 cups vanilla frozen

yogurt or ice cream 2 cups skim milk

5 tablespoons chocolate

malted milk powder 1/2 teaspoon almond extract Whipped cream

Shaved chocolate Mix ingredients in a blender

. Garnish with whipped cream

and shaved chocolate. Serve in a daiquiri glass with a straw. Makes three 8-ounce serv-

Recipe compliments of Margie Thomas of New Hudson, Golden Stirrer Award Winner, AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off Contest held at the Westin Hotel in Southfield on Oct. 7.

JAMES GALWAY'S FLUTE

1 pint Haagen-Daz raspberry

sorbet 1 pint Haagen-Daz lemon sor-

1 cup Minute Maid raspberry

lemonade 1 bottle St. Julian raspberry sparkling cider/juice

Using a 1-inch or 1 1/2-inch ice cream scoop, place one scoop of lemon sorbet in the bottom of a champagne flute.

Top that with one scoop of raspberry sorbet.

Pour in 1/4 cup of raspberry lemonade, then fill the flute with the sparkling cider/juice.

Makes 4 servings.
Recipe compliments of Victor Garske of Birmingham, runner-up in the Zero-Proof Mix-Off con-

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE DELIGHT

1.1/2 ounces Ribena concentrated black currant juice drink mix

1 ounce Rose's lime juice

1/2 ounces Original Aqualibra sparkling fruit and herbal drink

3 or 4 ice cubes Brazilia natural fruit guarana

Lime slice Stir first four ingredients well in a tall Collins glass with a long muddling spoon. Top with Brazilia drink. Stir

well again. Garnish with lime

Makes 1 serving Recipe compliments of Darryl

James of Southfield, honorable mention, Zero-Proof Mix-Off con-

Note: Ribena, Aqualibra and Brazilia natural fruit guarana drink are available at Merchant's Fine Wine and other specialty stores.

SAVORY SINATRA SIZZLER

3 cups Old Orchard Apple

Passion mango juice 1 cup club soda

3 scoops Edy's peach sorbet 2 apricots (OK to use canned

apricots)

Pineapple slices

In a blender, mix juice, soda, sorbet and apricots, in that order. Blend for 30 seconds. Pour into two 8-ounce dessert glass. Garnish with pineapple slices.

Makes 2 servings. Recipe compliments of Camille Baar, honorable mention, Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

UNCLE MILTY'S MIAMI BEACH MALTY

2 scoops French vanilla ice

cream

1 banana, sliced

2 ounces cream of coconut 16 ounces lemon-lime soda,

1 tablespoons malted milk powder, or to taste

1 ounce Santa's White Christmas flavoring syrup (or almond syrup)

Splash of Rose's lime juice (optional)

Garnishes: Whipped cream, sweetened coconut sprin kles, almond sprinkles, star fruit slices

Combine ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. Pour into three 10-ounce glasses and garnish with whipped cream, sprinkles of sweetened coconut and almonds and slices of star fruit. Makes 3 servings.

Recipe compliments of Renee Reeves of Milford, runner-up in the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

Cooking Contest

 □ Chicken soup contest — Sponsored by Temple Kol Ami, noon Friday, Feb. 25. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. First prize is a feature segment on Keith Famie's "Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV 4 and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen

Glamor. Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield, third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

Entry forms are available at Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-0040 to have an entry form mailed or faxed to you.

Floating fruit salad bright with berries, holiday stars

BY DANA JACOBI SPECIAL WRITER

Fruit salad was the consolation prize of desserts when I was growing up. My mother's bowl of diced fresh fruit – hard cubes of apple and pear, slices of sometimes unripe banana and tart orange, punctuated by green grapes and red grapes with pits – provided something vaguely sweet at the end of the meal. It was better than no dessert, but barely.

As a teenager, I encountered somewhat more interesting versions of fruit salad when I began to explore New York City, where I grew up. French restaurants then, in the 1960s, served Macedoine, a mixture of fresh fruit splashed with liqueur. Although no sweeter than my mother's fruit salad, it provided my first experience with getting a bit tipsy. Some Chinese restaurants served blocks of a milky white, almond-flavored gelatin floating with canned fruit salad in lots of the cloyingly sweet canned syrup. Nicely presented in a footed dessert dish, the fruit was mushy, but the almond part was

The moment when I realized fruit salad could be exciting came in Paris at a three-star restaurant. It was 1981 and Nouvelle Cuisine was at its height.

When the Fruit Soupe Exotique, part of the prix-fixe menu,

FLOATING FRUIT SALAD

2 cups sugar 6 strips lemon zest, each 2

- inches by 1/2-inch 1 1/2 teaspoons whole
- black peppercorns 1 kiwi, peeled
- 1 star fruit
- 1/2 medium banana
 1 medium peach, halved
- 1/2 Fuji apple 1/2 bosc pear
- 2 passion fruit, or 2 rings fresh pineapple
- 1/2 cup fresh raspberries,
- or frozen, thawed 1/2 cup pomegranate

seeds (optional)
Fresh mint for garnish

Place the sugar in a large pot. Add 5 1/2 cups water. Add the lemon zest and peppercorns. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer 5 minutes.

Steep the syrup until it cools to room temperature. Pour the syrup through a strainer into a large glass or other serving bowl. Reserve 3 strips of the lemon zest. Discard the other solids. Cut the zest crosswise into the thinnest possible strips. Add them to the syrup.

Cut the fruit as follows and

arrived, it was a melange of

fresh lychee, kiwi, and pineap-

ple, sliced paper-thin, plus wisps

and dots of passion fruit, all

add it to the bowl of liquid: Slice the kiwi crosswise as thinly as possible. Cut the ends off the star fruit. Standing it on one end, vertically cut the hard outer tip off each point. Lay the fruit down, and cut it crosswise into thin stars. Slice the banana as thinly as possible.

Cut the peach halves crosswise into thin slices. Stack the slices and cut them in half crosswise. With a melon baller, scoop out the core of the apple. Slice it like the peach. Cut the neck off the pear and discard. Core with the melon baller, and slice it like the apple.

Cut the passion fruits in half. Scoop out the flesh and seeds, adding them to the bowl. Or, thinly slice the pineapple rings vertically, making tiny wedges. Add the raspberries and pomegranate seeds to the bowl. Cover it with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve, up to 6 hours.

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To serve, ladle 3/4 cup of the fruit and liquid into large wine glasses or clear glass bowls. Garnish each with a spring of fresh mint.

Nutrition information: Each of the eight servings contains 243 calories and less than one gram of fat.

swimming in a glass bowl. The

liquid, a light, barely sweet

syrup, was a procession of unex-

pected flavors. They rolled

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Hollday surprise: Bright with raspberries, pomegranate seeds and holiday stars, Floating Fruit Salad is a tasty way to serve fruit.

intriguingly from vanilla to hints of fresh mint and lemongrass, followed by the aromatic lingering of lime zest. Light as a tropical breeze, this new fruit salad, beautiful and full of surprises, was as satisfying to me as the most voluptuous chocolate

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Since then, I have created at least a half dozen variations, each tuned to the season and the occasion, like this one, bright with raspberries, pomegranate seeds and holiday stars.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author Dana Jacobi, who also created the recipes for AICR's book, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."

Fig cake offers sweet accent

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Golden Fig Cake is an easily prepared Bundt cake. Try the recipe for either brunch or dessert.

GOLDEN FIG CAKE

(Preparation time 30 minutes, baking time 1 hour to 1 hour, 15 minutes) 1/2 cup sliced natural

- almonds 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/3 cups all-purpose 1 1/4 teaspoons soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup butter 1 cup packed light brown
- sugar 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup orange marmalade 1/3 cup sour cream
- 2/3 cup almond-flavored liqueur (amaretto) or orange juice
- 1 cup (6 ounces) chopped dried figs

Confectioner's sugar

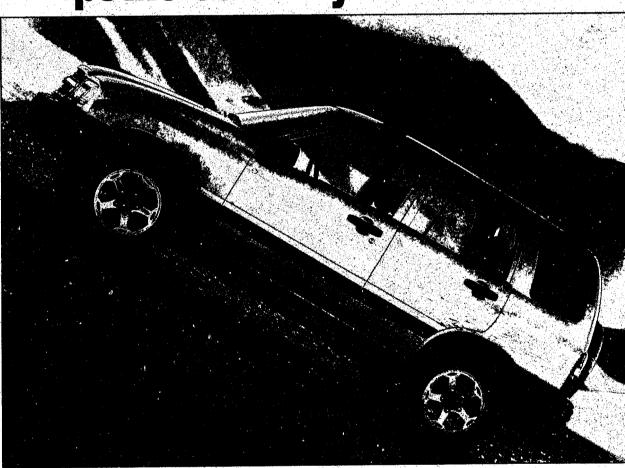
Preheat oven to 350 F. Very generously butter a 9-cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle with almonds, patting gently to cover sides. Set aside. Mix flour, soda and salt in small bowl; set aside.

In a large mixer bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Stir in marmalade and sour cream (mixture will look curdled). Add flour mixture alternately with liqueur or orange juice, blending well after each addition until batter is smooth. Stir in figs. Turn into prepared pan; spread evenly.

Bake for 60 to 70 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes. Invert on wire rack and cool completely. Just before serving, sift confectioner's sugar on top. Makes 1 eightinch Bundt cake to serve 16.

Recipe from: California Fig Advisory Board.

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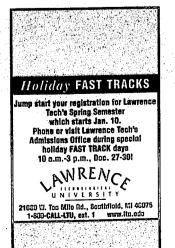
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Sunday, December 26, 1999

Best Museum Exhibits: "Book-

shop: Hebrew Books, Holy Days

Book" was featured in "Common

Man, Mythic Vision: The Paint-

ings of Ben Shahn" at the DIA.

Best Museum Exhibits: Alice

Maher's "Irish Dancers" is in the

Rant and Rage: Figurative Paint-

on nearly every list of donors and cul-

tural supporters. In June, his friends got together to pay him homage. They

had to rent a ballroom at Cobo Center.

And they could've sold tickets to fill

Best Writers Retreat: Cranbrook

Retreat for Writers, held in early July.

The retreat includes workshops, lec

tures and readings.

Best Outdoor Arts & Music Fes-

tival: "Arts, Beats & Eats" in down-

Best Gutsy Exhibit at an Art

Best Outdoor Art Show (without

booths): "No Booth Art Fair" in Rochester Hills, the brainchild of go-

their-own-way artists Peter Hackett

Best Art Created on-Site: Ply-

Best Secret Unveiled: The newly

mouth International Ice Sculpture

Center: "Body & Soul," curated by John Cynar at Paint Creek Center for

exhibit, "When Time Began to

ing from 20th Century Ireland,

at the University of Michigan

Museum of Art.

the Silverdome.

town Pontiac.

and friends.

the Arts in Rochester.

CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

$Y2K\ beckons: A$ peaceful ride to infinity, beyond

his is what my life has come to: Searching for the meaning of life and struggling for deeper relationships with friends and family while frantically shopping for the latest Buzz Light Year (the charming spaceman character from "Toy

Until recently, I figured the meaning of Buzz Light Year's calling-card phrase - "To infinity and beyond" was a euphemism for limitless spend-

The message: 'Go ahead, whip out the plastic - again, again and again. After all, for any patriotic consumer, it's all about keeping an eye open for an irresistible discount and an extended line-of-credit.

You want "deep and meaningful"? Try rationalizing spending nearly 40 bucks on a hard-plastic Buzz toy that your rambunctious 4-year-old could use as a lethal projectile – headed in your direction.

Uncontrollable toy

Last week, after finally finding the "In-Flight" Buzz Light Year, not to be mistaken for the "Watch Guard Buzz" or the mere Buzz figure, the contradiction of the holidays went off. . well, like an uncontrollable toy. The contradiction, of course, is whether it's possible to find spiritual bliss in a sea of materialism.

Moving with shopping bags in each hand through the littered heap of humanity at the mall was like finding my way through enemy lines, in search of the grail - or a damn good bargain. Same thing.

While perusing the rack of seasonable "nighties" for my wife, the Buzz Light Year who had sat quietly on the shelf at the Warner Bros. Store and was now nestled in my shopping bag, suddenly and inexplicably came to

That's right. In the middle of the lingerie department where men try to appear nonchalant as they push their ay through satin and lace garments, Buzz's proclamations resounded. "I

am Buzz Light Year. I come in peace." Not once, twice or six times. But for about two minutes

Buzz went on and on about a trip to a distant galaxy. Some shoppers looked up. Others continued to do what they came to do.

Apparently, nothing could break their concentration. Not even the obvious humor of a toy gone awry. erspective? Not here.

Whew. Perhaps Buzz was right. We both landed in a distant galaxy. I couldn't help but wonder whether it

was the future. Choice or default

The few days before the New Year's Eve countdown should be renamed "National Siesta Week." Only appropriate after last week, also to be renamed, "Stressed Out, In Debt and Determined to Have Fun Because It's the Holidays."

And now, comes more stress: Coming up with a New Year's Resolution. Not just a resolution for a new year, but for the next century and approaching millennium.

That's one historic resolution. By choice or default, it's a time for reflection.

In the endless stream of books and programs about the 20th century, one point seems striking. The last 100 years recorded unprecedented progress in science, medicine and technology, Accomplishments have led to new fields of knowledge, and have extended the average life

expectancy: But the last century has also been an endless series of violent battles genocide and environmental exploita-

And it's worth noting that these days of great economic prosperity occur only several decades from the profound despair and poverty of the Great Depression. Amid the contradictions, there are

Perhaps that plastic paperweight

Please see CONVERSATIONS, B5

An entertaining year that pushed aesthetic boundaries, celebrated diversity

Another "Best of" list? Well, yeah. But this one is different. Decidedly different.

This list makes no pretentious proclamations. We tried, but couldn't come up with any

Admittedly, the following list is a year-end, highly unscientific sampling of what several staff writers deemed to interesting.

In other words, here are our opin-

Best Installation of Permanent Gallery: The DIA's modern galleries, featuring interactive kiosks and a fascinating overview of works from Picasso to Rauschenberg (Finally, modern art with a decidedly contemporary presentation.)

Best Artist Unbound By Preconceptions: Gerhardt Knodel whose "Skywalking" exhibit at the Sybaris Gallery went beyond the expected display of textiles, and investigated pace, motion and light.

Best Improv: Nancy Hayden, firstyear director of Oakland County's Arts, Culture & Film office, Hayden, former member of "Second City, showed that a passion for the arts can compensate for a lack of bureaucratic background.

Best Spectacle That Wouldn't Go Away: The Three Tenors extravaganza before, during and after their Tigers' Stadium concert in mid July, concert received raves. Egos barely fit into the old ball yard.)
Best Spectacle That Went Away:

Installation artist Jef Bourgeau's shock art? exhibit that closed one day after it opened because the material

was deemed inappropriate.

Best Musical Documentary
Exhibit: "Wade in the Water: African. American Sacred Music Traditions" at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, (Gospel Blues, Jazz and Motown all under one

Best Fans: The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts for their ongoing support in raising funds and awareness about the local arts scene:

Best Weird Exhibit: "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science" at Cranbrook Art Museum. Where do you draw the line between a frog in formaldehyde and installation art?

Best Photography Exhibits: "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks" and "Walker Evans: Simple Secrets" at the DIA.

Best Museum Exhibits: "Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" at the DIA and "When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figura-tive Painting from 20th Century Ire-



Best photos: Gordon Parks' retrospective at the DIA was one of the most compelling exhibits of the year

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELL



STAFF PROTO BY JIM JACOFELD Contributors: A. Alfred Taubman (left), architect Michael Graves, Vettie Seabrooks from the City of Detroit, Richard Manoogian and Maurice Parrish of the DIA at the April announcement of the kickoff of the museum's capital cam-

land" at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

Best Father & Son Team: Joe Dobbins, Sr. and Joe Dobbins, Jr., whose work was exhibited during African-American History Month at Umoja Fine Arts in Southfield

Best Team In Planning an Event: (1.) Janet Torno and the staff at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center; (2.) Jonathan Witz and staff who organized "Arts, Beats & Eats"; (3.) Jewish Book Fair staff of Amy Brode, Carrie Kushner, Sylvia Gotlib and Andi

Best Alternative Exhibit Space Detroit Contemporary in Detroit, which opened in early March.



Best Mystical Exhibit: "In the Garden," new works by Ed Fraga at the Lemberg Gallery.

Best Local Exhibit: Robert

Wilbert's new paintings at the Susanne Hilberry Gallery, A master painter at the top of his art

Best Import Exhibit: "A New Russian Realism," the works of Natalya Nesterova, Vasily Shulzhenko and Sergei Shersiuk at Meadow Brook

Best Exhibits With A Conscience: "Diversity: Victims and Survivors," Richard Kozlow's paintings with selected interviews from the Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Paintings from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series at The Art Gallery/Stu-

dio in Garden City. Best "Out-of-this-World" Exhibit: Artrain USA's "Artistry of Space," works from the NASA Art Program and the National Air and Space Muse-

Best Use of Limited Resources in Theater: The Heartlande Theatre

Company led by founder Jan Radcliff of Birmingham, Heartlande conducts a 12-hour playathon, a new plays pro-gram and seminars for actors. Best Everyman Artist: Sculptor

Joseph Wesner, whose bronze sculp-ture exhibit at Hill Gallery in April gave a new perspective to the metaphor of the mind.

Best Debut: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble for their New York City debut in mid June at the Dance Theatre Workshop.

Best Left Undebuted: Andrea



Best debut: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble made their New York debut in mid June.

Bocelli's tepid performance in the Michigan Opera Theatre's "Werther."

Best Biggest Donation: Josephine Ford, Richard Manoogian and A. Alfred Taubman's lump sum \$50-million donation to launch the

DIA's 10-year fund-raising campaign. Best Memorable Donation: Bernard and Marilyn Pincus of Bloomfield Hills donation of \$6 million to the DSO in the name of their late son, Jacob Bernard Pincus.

Best Book By An Inspired Father: Tim Smith, a reporter for the Farmington Observer. Smith's daughter, Elizabeth, who was born 15 weeks premature, inspired his book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Premature Babies."

Best Photography Books: Ted Nelson's "The Nature of Kensington" and Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick's 'Stranger in the Woods.'

Best Music Festival: Great Lakes

Best Import: "A New Russian Realism" at Meadow Brook Art Gallery fea-tured the works by three contemporary Russian painters.

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Chamber Music Festival, held in mid

Best Free Jazz Festivals: Michigan Jazz Festival a lege and Montreux Detroit Jazz Festi-

val, Hart Plaza. Best Musical Series: University

Musical Society in Ann Arbor. **Best Friend:** Frank D. Stella. He's



constructed Seligman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Detroit Country Day. The center offers 700 seats, an acoustical gem, and possibly a venue for local professional performing

groups.

Best Book Fair: Jewish Book Fair, held in early November. Best Belly Laughs: "Flanagan's

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EXHIBIT

Lyrical painter creates swirling imagery with explosive palette ings have the feel of a works-in-progress

By Frank Provenzano Staff Writer fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

There's an all-too-familiar mystique and tragic sense of irony surrounding Bob Thompson's paintings, currently on exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

What: Paintings of Bob Thompson **When:** Through Sunday, Jan. 2 Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave.. Detroit, (313) 833-7900.

In the expansive examination of Thompson's work from the late 1950s to his death in 1966, one theme is particularly strong: Thompson saw painting as a means to an unbridled freedom, both of expression, and perhaps as a path that led beyond the olatile politics of the day. He may have also been a

realist. While there is a strong utopian sensibility in his compositions, many of his earlier works are also imbued with a sense of despair as gray specters haunt the edges of the canvas.

While Thompson, an African American, painted during the time when pop art, abstractionism and ethnocentric art had gained a stranglehold on most artists, his landscapes defy easy classification.



Vivid: The allegorical images of Bob Thompson contain a distinctive personal iconography.

Thompson's choice and contrast of colors has the floating, unpredictable lyrical quality of an improvisational jazz quartet. And in many ways, his paint-

Some art historians might draw parallels with the swirling organic figures of Matisse and the similar tone found in Gauguin's Christian iconography.

Yet clearly, Thompson's work is not derivative. That was perhaps the compelling reason the Whitney Museum had planned a major exhibit of his work. When a new museum director took over last year, however, the Thompson's exhibit was cast aside.

It took Maryanne Wilkinson, curator of modern art at the DIA, nine months to add pieces to the exhibit assembled by the Whitney. She added about onequarter of the show from works owned by local collectors, including Richard Manoogian and Mike

In the early 1960s, the former Donald Morris Gallery exhibited Thompson's work.

"This is an important show for Detroit," said Wilkinson, who noted that the area boasts one of the largest number of collectors of African American art in the country.

"Thope the exhibit inspires new scholarship," she said. "While Thompson was inspired by what was happening around him, he wasn't involved in racial

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Wake" at Baci Theatre in Pontiac, Jeff Daniel's comedy, "Escan-aba in da Moonlight" at the Gem

Theatre in Detroit Best Religious Revival at a Concert: Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, who led a

the Palace. Best Concert Under-attended: Poi Dog Pondering at St. Andrew's Hall.

night of rock and roll worship at

Best Chance to Rush Main Floor: Family Values Tour 1999
— featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter and Crystal Method — spurred a rush of fans from the nosebleed section down to the already-over crowded floor at The Palace.

Best Band to Become Household Name: The Push Stars, an alterna-pop sensation on the verge from Boston and Train, who showed listeners

what a return to really good music sounds like with its first single "Meet Virginia."

Best Under-Used Venue: 7th House in downtown Pontiac, complete with quaint tables and balcony seats, all in an unassuming locale.

Best Homecoming Performance for Local Actress: Southfield native Erin Dilly's portrayal of leading lady Bertrande in the musical love triangle "Martin Guerre" at the Fisher Theatre.

Best Attempt to Bring Live, Local Music Back to the Suburbs: The Alley, inside Rochester's Mainstreet Billiards, known for scheduling top-notch local acts in '99.

Best Punk Rock Band: The

Demolition Doll Rods, Oakland County's answer to a strippeddown punk revival. The band was picked up by Matador

Records last Spring.

Best Encore: Fans drown in a sea of silver ticker tape at the encore of the Hole show at the State Theatre in Detroit in May. (And Courtney Love didn't even

threaten to walk off stage once.)

Public Service Awards: The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan and Art-Serve Michigan for funding and coordinating an unprecedented analysis of audiences for cultural events in southeastern Michi-

Staff Writers Stephanie Casola, Linda Ann Chomin, Hugh Gallagher, Frank Provenzano, Keely Wygonik and Alice Rhein contributed to this article.

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by the name of Buzz may actually offer an important reminder of what's at stake as we ponder the

Peaceful way

Understanding history is a search for contradictions. Whether it's world history, or personal history.

After another year of work. work, work, and the last few weeks of spend, spend, spend, perhaps there's no need for buzz words or catch phrases to describe what lies ahead. (That sense of urgency pounding inside

your chest is the sound of your life rushing past.)

Who doesn't need to slow down? Take a breath or several, for that matter.

Perspective is a scarce resource. The only gift worth giving is your time. And if there's anything that can transcend life's contradictions, it's simply a thing called love. Not infatuations found in the virtual-reality broadcast-media drive-thru, or bought on credit, but the deep appreciation wrought from respect and understanding.

At the dawn of a new century,

the past is fading fast. The future is rushing at us at warp speed. And the present? That's for us to decide.

Before we all find ourselves living in an unknown galaxy, we might want to find our own peaceful way to infinity and beyond.

Let us remember the lessons of the past.

A little perspective, please.

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politics. For the most part, his figures are faceless and multicol-

Using a self-styled pictorial vocabulary of birds, utopian garden settings and references to paintings by the great masters, Thompson offers the type of originality and fertility that tran-

scends any stylistic trend.
Unfortunately, when Thompson died of sclerosis of the liver. he was only beginning to distill both the narrative quality and vivid coloration in his work

Sadly, Thompson, too, suffered from the disease of self-indul-

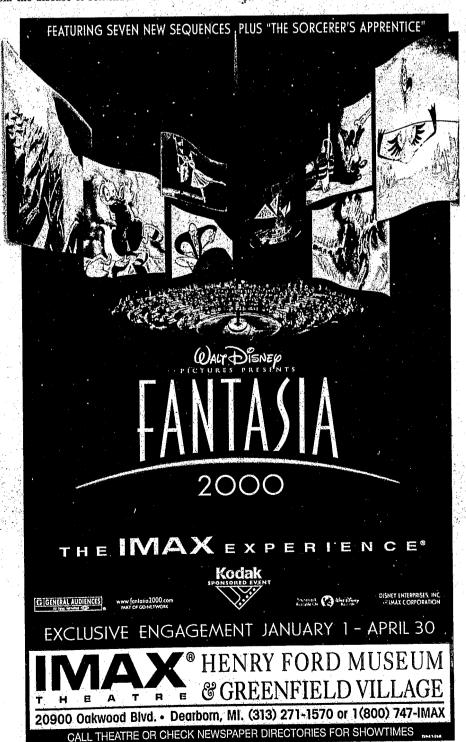
gence that took away some of the other 1960s cultural icons. At 29. Thompson left a trove of paintings, most of which are oils on canvas. Over a seven-year creative output it's estimated that Thompson finished 1,000 paint-

Like the decade when his work began to mature, Thompson's allegorical imagery swirls with the self-indulgence and rage of 1960s avant-garde and counter-culture.

But it's probably an exaggeration to claim that his work should be reconsidered alongside the great painters of the last half of the 20th century.

Yet there's no denying that toward the end of his life, Thompson's work was growing in sophistication and vibrancy. So, too, must have been his inability to control his vices.

In the end, Thompson died far too young. Perhaps that's why his work and career can be summed up with the same words used to describe those other artists who died before their time. Thompson, too, shares the legacy of being a "great maybe."





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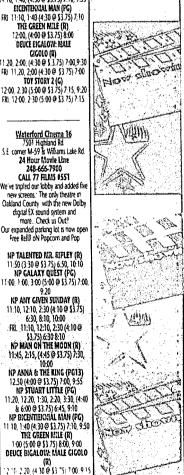
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ART SHOWS

ESTIVALS BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART

Weekends of special holiday sales. The "Small Works" fine art sale runs through Thursday, December 30 in the Desaile Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in December, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

UDITIONS & CALL FOR RTISTS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists Interested in exhibiting fine arts or crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Bark, Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

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A juried exhibit presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Slide deadline is January 3. cash prizes totaling \$9,000 will be awarded. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMU-

NITY CHOIR

 Auditions for new members by appointment. Winter semester rehearsals begin Tuesday. Jan. 11. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. For informaation call (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975.

CLASSES CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTI-

Winter 2000 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music begin Jan 15. 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based

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DETROIT BALLET

Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and lazz, Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

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All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850. JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes take place Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030 KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

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CONCERTS

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"A Century of Song: From Vienna - to Broadway - to Hollywood" at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, and 6 and 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31. Legendary Jazz sax ophonist and composer Wayne Shorter performs at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

FIRESIDE INN JAZZ

The Matt Michaels Trio with special guest Barbara Ware at 8 n.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29 at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middle belt Road. (734) 762-7756.

FOR KIDS

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Extended holiday hours and plane tarium program December 27-31. Schedule includes a Young Stargazers program 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Millennium Sky Show (ages five and up only), 2 p.m. Holiday lasers, 3 p.m. Millennium Sky Show, 4 p.m. Holiday lasers



Hollday program: Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in India will construct a mandala sand painting at The Detroit Institute of Arts Monday-Friday, Dec. 27-31 as part of the DIA's special holiday programming. Millions of grains of sand are laid into place on a platform to form the image of a mandala, or cosmogram. The opening ceremony is noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27. The monks will continue working daily on the painting 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can ask questions at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily until Friday, Dec. 31 when the mandala will be dismantled. The DIA is at 5200 Woodward Ave. in the University Cultural Center. Recommended admission is \$4 adults, \$1 children. Holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Friday, Dec. 26-Dec. 31. For a schedule of holiday programs, call (313) 833-4249.

5 p.m. Millennium Sky Show. There is no 5 p.m. show on Friday, Dec. 31. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward. Bloomfield Hills, 1-877-GO-CRAN-

KOLOBOK

A puppet performance by the Detroit Puppet Theater of the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man" with sign language interpretation, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, Thursday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31 in the Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313)

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCI-ENCE.

Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Land scapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World, 1221 N. Wood ward, Bloomfield Hills, 1-877-GO

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 26 - Robert Frank: The Americans. Through Jan. 9 - "What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection. Through May 31 - "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." Through Jan 2 - Rembrandt: Masterpieces in Etching

from the Morgan Library. Through Jan 2 - paintings by Bob Thompson. Through Feb. 13 – The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

TROY MUSEUM Through March 30 - "Going West-Michigan Cavairy in Indian Wars.'

60 Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY Through Jan. 2 - "I made this The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American Potter, Dave. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HARLAN HATCHER LIBRARY

Through Jan. 29 - "From Papyri to King James: The Evolution of the English Bible:" 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-9377 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSE-**UM OF ART**

Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth-Century Ireland. 525 South State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY EXHIBITS ON-GOING)

ARIANA GALLERY

Through Jan. 1 - Feliz Navi-doo-dadi featuring doo-dads for holidays. Through Jan. 1 - "Let There be Light." 119 S. Main St. Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810. CASS CAFE

An exhibition of photography by Millard Berry, Ralph Rinaldi and Bill Waters, 4620 Cass Ave...

Detroit. (313) 831-1400. JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY

The lustres of Paul Katrich, 404 East 4th Street, Royal Oak. (248) 584-2223

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY Graduate Works in Progress exhibition, 28 5400 Gullen Mall. Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY Through Jan. 9 - "364 Days" fea turing Paul Snyder, James Stephens and Robert Berry. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through Jan. 27 - The Mountain of the Lord; Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248)

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through Dec. 30 - An exhibit by the Chaldean American Association of Fine Arts. 47 Williams Street, (248) 333-7849. **GALERIE BLU**

Through Jan. 4 - Works by Lenore Gimpert, 7 North Saginaw, Ponti-

ac. (248) 454-7797

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes. 161 Townsend, Birmingham.

(248) 642-2700.

HABATAT GALLERIES Through Dec. 31 - new work by Kreg Kallenberger, 7 North Saginaw, Pontlac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY Through Dec. 31 - Donald Sultan: Selected Drawings, 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham, (248) 540-9288

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert and jewelry by Darcy Miro. 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250. SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through Jan. 31 - Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equilla Slaughter, 26000

Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through Dec. 30 - A Tribute to Time group exhibition.32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709. **DAVID KLEIN GALLERY**

Through mid-Jan. - A group show of abstract art featuring Jasper Johns, Al Held, Richard Prince, Joan Mitchell, Stephen Ellis, Barbara Voss and William Wood, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248)

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY Through Jan. 9 - Collars and

Cuffs: The Politics of Fashion in . European Portraiture, 1630 to 1880. Meadow Brook Art Gallery; Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Jan. 17 - Views and Visions, an exhibit of the Milford Village Fine Arts Association. 12 North Telegraph, Pontiac, (248)

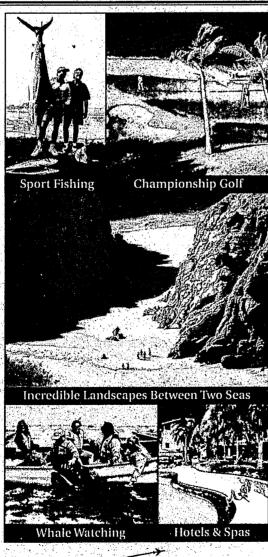


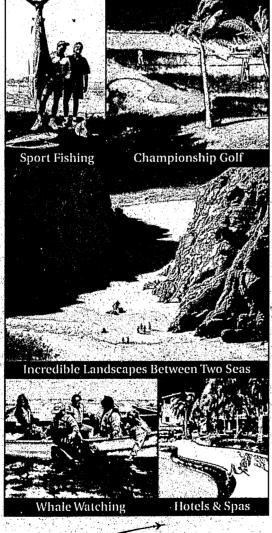
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If you're a regular listener of AM 760 WJR, you already know we've had an on-going, on-air initiative to help separate the facts from the fiction as we speed towards the new millennium. For example, we've been airing special features during the Paul W. Smith morning show, the news department has been focusing on the various facets of the YZK frenzy, and we've taken lots of calls from listeners like you, who have had a chance to have their questions answered.

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Golf still a relatively new pastime in the United States

n this millennium, kings, presidents, celebrities and children have all become smitten with the elegant diversion of golf. You'll note, though, that in the United States, the ancient game is a relatively new pas-

Though we've been holding a United States Open Championship since 1895, people have been making their way around the links for more than half of the millennium on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland.

Oh, but we've made up for lost time in America, and specifically here in Michigan, where we've been fortunate to play a major role in the popularity of the game on this side of the pond.

Ex-patriot Scot Donald Ross built some of the revered courses here in southeast Michigan, including Franklin Hills CC, Oakland Hills CC, and Detroit Golf Club, where his brother Alex, winner of the 1907 U.S. Open Championship, served as head golf professional.

Oakland Hills CC enjoyed the services of a colorful golf professional named Walter Hagen. Hagen, who insisted on a lively and spirited lifestyle, was probably the first real American golf superstar. Hagen was only the second American ever to win the U.S. Open when he did it in 1914, and he won it again in 1919, but it was in the PGA Championship that Hagen really dominated.

In Hagen's time, players from England and Scotland dominated tournaments in the United States. Hagen was the first American to win the PGA Championship, which he did in 1921, and then four consecutive times from 1924 through 1927.

"Never worry, never hurry, and always take time to smell the flowers along the way," was Hagen's motto. Of course, it wasn't only Hagen and

Ross that made our area one of the capitols of American golf, it was also the championships that were held

Oakland Hills held the U.S. Open in 1924, 1937, 1951, 1961, 1985, and

The PGA Championship was held at Plum Hollow CC in 1947, Birming-ham CC in 1953, Meadowbrook CC in 1955, Oakland Hills in 1972, and again in 1979

To prove further that southeast Michigan has a special place in golf's major championships, consider the name of Horton Smith, who won the very first Masters Tournament in 1934 and again in 1936 and went on to become head golf professional at Detroit Golf Club.

When the Ryder Cup would not be contested during World War II, where did the great Bobby Jones bring his challengers to play an exhibition match against the American Ryder Cup teams? Right to Oakland Hills where the genuine Ryder Cup Matches will be held in 2003.

Our Buick Open is one of the PGA TOUR's oldest events, and the Senior Players Championship, a Senior Major, is held at the TPC of Michigan

every year. Arnold Palmer, whose nickname was nothing less than "The King, won his first significant tournament at the CC of Detroit. The list of winners and champions that have been crowned in our area is significant, including Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Lee Trevino, Tony Lema, Gene Littler, Fred Couples, Tom Weiskopf, Hale Irwin and Ben Crenshaw.

According to National Golf Foundation statistics, Michigan consistently leads the nation in building new golf

courses and in rounds played Warren Orlick, 87, of Birmingham, was the head golf professional at Tam O'Shanter CC in West Bloomfield for 27 years, and was instrumental in getting the word "Caucasian" removed from the eligibility requirements of American PGA Profession-

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Piche (top photo) leaps in unison with her teammates during a recent practice. Meanwhile, junior Erin Bullock (above) kneels at the end of another routine. The Dragons have finished third at the state finals each of the past three years and hope to move up

Lake Orion's competitive cheer team sets sights on moving up at state finals

BY DANIEL STICKRADT STAFF WRITER

Kelli Mathes is hip with all of today's modern luxuries of technology. She is a frequent user of e-mail and web-sties. But she admits that she feels like a broken record playing the same old

The reason? Mathes' Lake Orion girls competitive cheer team is stuck on the charts at No. 4 and she wants nothing more than to move up this season.

"We've placed fourth the last three years," said Mathes, Lake Orion's sixth-year coach. We're kind of stuck on that position. The girls have gotten better each year, but we still come up just a little short."

Mathes isn't complaining about there straight top-five finishes. After all, only one team in each of the eight Class A regions advance to the state finals. But she feels her Dragons have a legitimate shot of getting over

the hump and cracking this year's top three.
"That's our goal," said Mathes. "These girls want to move up, which will make it seem more like we accomplish them.'

If the Dragons qualify out of there regional come late February, they will have their hands full as last year's top three schools Rochester, Brighton and Grandville — suffered minimal losses to graduation. On the other hand, Lake Orion only graduated off a team of 17 members. And this year's squad is a little older as there are no freshmen. unlike last season's unit which bolstered five.

"We only have two seniors, but we are very experienced team," beamed Mathes. "Last year we had all of those freshmen, and they're all a year older and stronger now. And this is a junior-sophomore (-laden) team, which will

keep us competitive even beyond this year.' This season began last weekend at the Grosse Ile CCAM Invitational and the Dragons will have eight more tournaments before enter-

months down the road. "The girls know that you have to qualify first, but I don't think they're overconfident," she said. "They are working hard — they're very goal-oriented."

ing the crucial regional competition two

The Dragons have put some extra time into gymnastics training at Cheer Elite in Farmington Hills and they are trying to upgrade their Option/Stunt routine, which is the third-andfinal round of cheer competition in Michigan.

The extra work is paying off, according to

"We're trying to make our routines a little more difficult," explained Mathes. "If we are going to move up and challenge, we have got to keep improving. and if that means trying tougher stunts, then we're going to go for it."

This year's team includes seniors Kristel Coronado and Jennifer Charbonneau, juniors Cheri Charbonneau, Sarah Burgess, Amanda Pesamoska, Erica Baer, Erin Bullock, Meredith Nelson, Tiffany Ciarimataro, and Nicole Perryman, Megan Stauffer, Megan Stout, Katie Bambard, Kandace Piche, Rebekah Armstrong, Stacey Lapoulas, and Jodi Rocosky. And Mathes feels they all want a chance to prove they can compete with neighboring Rochester and Grandville - the state's two most successful cheer programs.

That's why she has upgraded her schedule with several more competitions.
"We'll have a total of nine competitions

before regionals, which will give us a chance to try a lot of things," see said. "It will also gives

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MHSAA awards 2000 cheer finals to Orion

Dragons to become first Southeastern Michigan School to host competitive cheer championships

BY DANIEL STICKRADT

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For Susan Wood and Kelli Mathes, the long haul to Western Michigan for the annual MHSAA girls competitive cheer finals has become quite a nuisance. Now, the two local coaches won't have to drive very far at all to watch their teams compete.

In fact, for one area coach, it's in the back yard.

The MHSAA has decided to move the seventh-year sport to Lake Orion High School, with the finals in all four classes being held on March 5, 2000. The previous six seasons, the finals were held in the Battle Creek, Kalamazoo or Grand Rapids areas, making this season's finals a first for Southeastern Michigan.

"It's very exciting," said Mathes, Lake Orion's coach whose team finished fourth in Class A each of the past three seasons. "We finally get to showcase our sport around here."

For Susan Wood, veteran coach at Class A powerhouse Rochester, the defending state champion, it will be a chance to perform without having to leave for the finals destination the day before.

"It's hard on your team to have to travel and spend

the night the day before the finals," said Wood, whose squad has placed in the top three each of the past six years, including three state championships. "The girls leave school on Friday, pack up and drive three hours - and when you're excited and nervous, its hard to settle down and get a good nights sleep. It will be nice to be able to take it easy on Friday with a light practice and then get up and drive just a short distance to the finals.

We finally get to "It's good that showcase our sport they decided to rotate the finals around here." over here for a Kelli Mathes few years because that's only fair,' Lake Orion cheer coach

Wood added.

Mathes is excited to be able to host the finals in Lake Orion's twoyear-old field house.

"We have great facilities where we can fit everybody in comfortably," said Mathes. "And it's nice to be able to do it in this area. There are some really good teams on this side of the state and this might help us attract some bigger crowds for our schools." Being able to attract larger local crowds is a plus for Wood as well.

"We usually have some good support each year from family members and couple groups of students who drive all the way out (to Western Michigan),' said Wood. "Now, we might be able to have more students come watch us compete. Which will be good for are girls, because they work just as hard as the other athletes in the school, but don't get the same amount

With the MHSAA changing sites, there are also a few minor rule changes that were voted in back in October by a state-wide committee of cheer coaches

This year's finals will have a panel of five judges, with the high and low scores being dropped instead

of just having a three-member panel. Scores will also be counted on by five-tenths of a point, instead of only being rated on by a 1-10 points

"This should make it more accurate and hopefully

much more interesting," concluded Mathes.

Fast start has new-look Wildcats shooting for the stars



Oxford fell on some tough times on the volleyball court last winter. However, veteran coach Lori Campbell has high expec-tations for her junior-laden athletic squad. The Wildcats are off to an impressive 9-3-1 start heading into the holiday break and have set their sights on the FML title.

BY DANIEL STICKRADI

Lori Campbell doesn't hesitate to tell you that she has high expectations for her Oxford volleyball team. That's why she's not surprised that her Wildcats are off to impressive 9-3-1 start heading into the Holiday break.

"I have very high expectations for this team," boasted Campbell, "I think we're going to surprise some teams this season." Last season, Oxford had its

fair share of ups and downs. A mid-season coaching change, where Mark Ott resigned and Campbell returned to her former post as head coach, slowed the Wildcats at first. But Oxford

finally found its rhythm late in the season under Campbell, and finished fourth in the Flint Metro League and with an overall record of 14-21-5.

Although Oxford graduated four players, including standout middle-blocker Elizabeth McKinnon to Central Michigan, and four other current seniors who elected to forgo the season, Campbell is confident that her squad will be miles ahead of last year's contingent.

"I think we'll be in the top three in our league," she said, noting that Fenton is the likely favorite in the FML. "We have some good players. Not a lot

of height, but we a lot of good athletes."

The athleticism could go a long way in determining the Wildcats' fate this winter.

Many of these girls do play other sports, and they are in good shape," explained Campbell. "And we're starting to get our volleyball legs back. The girls are playing pretty well together. We have a lot of work to do, but I'm pretty pleased with how well we've played so far this season."

Oxford has already placed second at the Imlay City Invitational and were quarterfinalists at the Goodrich Invitational last weekend: In both tournaments, the Wildcats were knocked out by a state-ranked school.

We've played some very good teams already and still competed very well," continued Campbell. "We have shown that we can compete."

The most impressive performer for the Wildcats thus far is 5-foot-11 senior middle-blocker Bethany Pruetz, a talented front-court player who is being recruited by the likes of LaSalle, Oakland, Wiscon-

sin and Edenburo (Pa.), just to name a few. "She's a very talented player who can hit the ball with great power," said Campbell of Pruetz. "She does so many things on the court very well. She has the ability to play all-

going to surprise some teams this

season. Lori Campbell Oxford volleyball coach

■ 'I think we're

Other players that should see time up front include 5-7 junior outside-hitters Jill Stork, Nicole Brockway and Dana Millard, as well as 5-11 junior middle-blocker Andrea Moncrieff , 5-6 junior outside-hitter Jena Podzikowski, a returning letter-winner, and 5-5 junior newcomer Abby Hale, who will see time both as a outside-hitter and a defensive specialist.

The Wildcats are also strong at the setter posi-tion, where 5-6 senior Sadie Ball returns. Katie McKinnon, a 5-5 junior newcomer, will back Ball

"Sadie is very consistent," praised Campbell. "And she plays good defense and is a very good

Serving has been a strong point for the Wildcats so far this season, but defense has been a slight

"We have a lot of new girls on the team," she We have some work to do on defense, but I think that will come with time once these girls get

used to one another again." Senior returnees Shannon Bunker and Nikki Davidson, a pair of 5-4° defensive specialists, and 5-4 junior defensive specialist Deanna Bacon, hope to keep Oxford's back row a solid and improving

The lack of height up front does concern Campbell, which is why she pulled up athletic freshmen prospect Caryn Inman. A 5-10 middle-blocker/ outside-hitter, Inman is a fine three-sport athlete who has a season of varsity basketball under her belt.

"She has varsity experience in another sport and she looks like she might be able to help us out here," Campbell added, "She's very quick and can hit the ball. Caryn has a lot of potential."

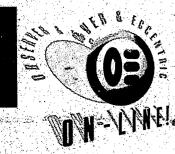


Movin' on up: Members of Oxford's volleyball go through a workout at a recent practice. The Wildcats, coming off a dismal 14-21-5 campaign, only return five players but are off to a very fast start with a 9-3-1 record.

On paper, the Wildcats' entire team has potential, and Campbell feels her team is going to make last season a very distant memory.

Like I said, I have some high expectations with this team," she said. "I think we can compete with

a lot of teams out there. We didn't have the best record last year being just under five-hundred, so people might overlook us. But I think we'll be able to beat some teams. I like our chances of finishing near the top of our league.



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Reporting scores

With the winter sports season already in full swing for some area teams, the Eccentric would like to remind all varsity coaches to please send in their results by one of the following methods:

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Deadline for publication is 11:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7-19 in each state.

Players are selected by invitation only. Several current and former NBA and Division I college players have played in this top-notch camp, so call (704) 372-8610 immediately for further information about this exciting opportunity.

Post-season teams

The Eccentric Sports Department will publish copies of all-league, all-dis-trict, all-region and all-state teams for each of the fall prep sports when space is avail-

Athletic Directors and coaches may fax copies to (248) 693-9716 or mail to: Daniel Stickradt, Eccentric Sports Department, 790 S Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, MI

Athletes needed for event work

Central Parking/National Garages at the Pontiac Silverdome is searching for groups of student-athletes, coaches and parents to work in the parking division as cashiers or parking lot attendants for upcoming events at the Silverdome, including Lions games, concerts, truck polls,

All workers must be at least 16 years of age, and can work in groups of 5-50 people. Groups can combine their hours and can raise money for their respective athletic department, booster club, or individual scholastic pro-

Many schools from around the Detroit Metropolitan area have been involved in this program for many years, and positions are limited.

Please call Shawn Rhodes or Sharon Little (248) 338-9690 for further details.

OLSM rallies for victory over Lansing Waverly

BY CHRIS MAYER STAFF WRITER cmayer@oe.hom

Marcus Taylor, Lansing Wayerly's dynamic Michigan State-bound senior, captivated the crowd Tuesday night, But Orchard Lake St. Mary's stole the show and grabbed the Holiday Hoops Classic championship.

Before a crowd of 4,100 at Michigan State University's Breslin Center, the Eaglets showed they're among the state's top boys basketball teams by overcoming an 11-point second-half deficit for a 77-65 win over Waverly in the tournament's inaugural title game.

Senior guard Maurice Searight netted a team-high 25 points and Tournament MVP Jonte Jones scored 20 of his 24 points in the second half to help OLSM 1-0) hand the Class A Warriors (5-1) their first setback

"This was the first time this season that

I've gotten into a zone like that," Jones, saddled in the first half by three fouls, said. "I knew I had the hot hand, so I was just going at them. The coaches told me just stay focused, don't get down and come out in the second half and still play with intensity. I just had to play smarter and not take any chances on defense."

Taylor finished with a game-high 26 points, but OLSM's man-to-man defense led by junior Grant Mason helped limit the multi-talented guard to four fourthquarter points. Jones, meanwhile, scorched the nets for 15 points in the final

The 5-foot-10 senior guard knocked down a 3-pointer — his third of the second half — with 4:05 left to give the Eaglets their first lead, 64-63. Jones then scored OLSM's next three baskets, including a difficult baseline jumper with 2:15 remaining, that extended the advantage our way tonight and we were fortunate to come out of here with a victory," OLSM coach George Porritt said. "We always feel that we're in the game. We're a team of streaks and we can put a lot of points on the board in a hurry.

"They've got some winners on that ball team and they refused to lose," Waverly coach Phil Odlum said of the Eaglets. "I thought maybe we got a little tired down the stretch, but that's not an excuse. We didn't execute when the game got close. We left Jonte Jones open in the corner a couple of times and he hit a couple of huge threes.

They just did an outstanding job Odlum added. "They're ranked No. 1 in the state and as far as I'm concerned they're the No. 1 team in the state right

Waverly registered the game's first eight points and led 33-18 midway through the second quarter. OLSM

"The last three or four minutes went turned to a press and a zone defense to close within 38-34 at halftime and the Eaglets continued to force turnovers in the pivotal second half.

"We weren't frustrated, because we's knew if we stuck together as a team and stayed focused and just kept playing hard." that we were going to win the game,", Jones said. "We knew we had to pick up." our defense in order to stop them and our defense was going to help bring our offense around. And that's exactly what happened."

Searight's 16 second-half points also helped ignite the rally Jermaine Gonza-les finished with 12 points and Charles Davis and Mason had seven points apiece.

Senior forward Terry Reddick con-, tributed 15 points for Waverly and Iowabound senior center Cortney Scott had 11 points.

OLSM returns to the court Jan. 4 at' Detroit St. Martin DePorres.

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us a barometer as to where we are at and where we need to be. We'll be able to see what we need to improve on. Having more competitions should help us. It might be tiring at times, but it should help us.

Another intangible that should help Lake Orion is the school will be hosting this season's MHSAA state championship on March 5, 2000 —

the first time that the competitive cheer finals will be hosted by a school from Southeastern Michigan.

"It will be great competing in a familiar gym with some support behind you in the stands," said Mathes. "Maybe, that will help us get past fourth-place."

Perhaps, enough to get the record to skip to the next song?

Clarkston rebounds, ices Troy, 5-1

After dropping an unexpected game to Birmingham Unified last week, Clarkston's hockey team was eagerly awaiting the chance to take out its frustrations on its next opponent. And unfortunately for Troy Unified, it was the Wolves' next

Clarkston senior goaltender Steve Badger was sterling between the pipes and the offense did the rest as the Wolves throttled Troy 5-1 Monday at Troy Sports Arena in an Oakland Activities Association Division I match.

The win moved Clarkston, ranked sixth in the Division I state coaches' association polls, into sole ssession of first-place in the six-team division.

While Badger was busy recording a season-high 31 saves in net, senior forward Bill Kalush was

busy leading the attack, when he outskated Troy's defense and slipped in a shot off feeds from seniors Tom Newman and Anthony Facione, which gave Clarkston a 1-0 advantage through two periods

Troy, however, knotted the score on a tally by Brian Kelly early in the third period.

Then the floodgates opened.

Derek Hool tallied the eventual game-winner just under one minute later, followed by goals from Adam Postal, Facione and Jason Stoecker for

Hool, Jon Bemis, Steve Janowiak, Ryan McKinnon and Nick Turner also recorded assists for the Wolves (6-3-1, 2-2-1), who outshot the Blackhawks by a 37-32 margin.

ALL-FBAC GIRLS BASKETBALL

Here are the 1999 Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference 1999 All-League Girls Basketball Teams, as selected by the league's coaches, plus the final standings.

LEAGUE MVP — Caty Weldman, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian

RED DIVISION — Katie Snyder, Troy Bethany Christian 5-8 soph. F; Caty Weldman, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 5-7, sr. G; Becky Gorham, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 5-8 sr. F; Paula Boers, Rochester Hills Christian 5-5 sr. G; Holley Vanaman, Clarkston Springfield Christian 5-9 Jr. F/C; Sarah Beardslee, Clarkston Springfield Christian 5-3 Fr. G; Kellie Fornwall, Clark ston Springfield Christian 5-5 sr. G.

BLUE DIVISION — Susan Markovitch, Warren Antioch Baptist 5-9 jr. G; Stephanie Boggs, Warren Antioch Baptist 5-8 jr. F; Melissa Viano, Warren Antioch Baptist 5-8 jr. F; Janelle Durack, Warren Antioch Baptist 5-4 soph. G; Jennifer McLean, Garden City United Christian 5-6 jr. F; Amy Glassmeyer, Garden City United Christian 5-9 sr. C; Ashley Robinson, Garden City United Christian 5-1 soph. G

HONORABLE MENTIONS Oxford Christian — Jennifer Barnhart, 5-8 jr. G; Sterling Heights Christian — Jill Albright, 5-8 fr. C; Tricia Gotzmann, 5-1 soph. G; Clarkston Springfield Christian — Amanda Vanaman, 5-6 soph. G; Rochester Hills Christian — Leini Ostling, 5-10 fr. C; Christine Collesano, 5-7 soph. F; Clinton Township Faith Christian — Megan Wetzel, 5-7 jr. G; Jennifer Wetzel, 5-5 fr. G; Amanda McClellan, 5-8 jr. F; Troy Bethany Christian — Katle

Reece, 5-5 soph, G. RED DIVISION STANDINGS — 1. Clarkston Springfield Christian (17-4, 10-0); 2. Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (12-6, 7-3); 3. Troy Bethany Christian (8-7, 6-4); 4. Rochester Hills Christian (8-8, 4-6); 5. Clinton Township Faith

Christian (2-12, 2-8); 6. Sterling Heights Christian (0-10, 0-10).

BLUE DIVISION STANDINGS — 1. Warren Antioch Baptist (12-5, 4-0); 2. Garden City United Christian (3-4, 2-2); 3. Oxford Christian (NA, 0-4); 4. Wixom Christian (no team); Yspilanti Faithway Baptist (no team).

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als. Orlick also served a term as president of the PGA of America.

Birmingham is also the home of Bud Erickson, who was once the top public relations official for the LPGA in its most formative years

Tom Chisholm Sr., of Bloomfield Hills, serves on the Board of Governors of the United States Golf Association, and Jean Myers, also of Bloomfield Hills, is a highly respected USGA rules official. Bloomfield Hills resident Bob McMasters just finished a term as president of the Western Golf Association, one of golf's oldest and most influential organizations, and the donors of the virtuous Evans Scholarships.

Wayne Doran, of Dearborn, currently serves on the PGA TOUR's Golf Course Properties Board.

Ken Devine, Executive Director of the Michigan PGA serves on the advisory board of "The First. Tee," which is a cooperative and noble effort to spread the game of golf into urban and remote rural areas around the United States.

This effort will make the game accessible to kids that might otherwise have never been exposed to it for both geographic and economic reasons.

As what can rightly be called the "American-Century" of golf winds down in the next few days, you can take heart in the fact that southeast Michigan has an important place in the past, present and future of our elegant diversion.

Michael Patrick Shiels, Observer & Eccentric Golf Writer, can be reached via e-mail at-Mshiels@aol.com

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Below are the varsity sports schedules for high schools in the Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford areas. All times are subject to change, so please call the respective school before attending.

Sunday, Monday, Dec. 26-27 (No events scheduled) Tuesday, Dec. 28 BASKETBALL - Oxford Christian Alumni Game at Lake

Orion First Baptist Church (TBA). VOLLEYBALL - Oxford Christian Alumni Game at Lake Orion First Baptist Church (TBA); Lake Orion at West Bloomfield

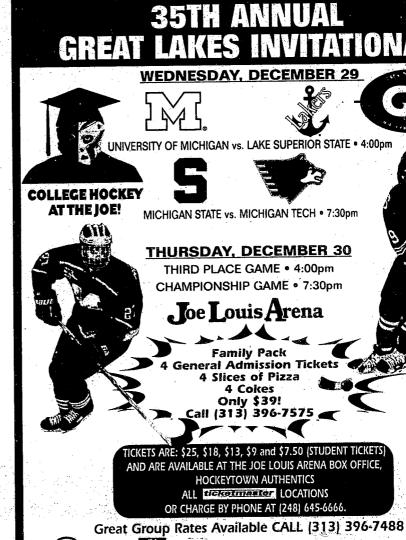
Tournament (8:30 a.m.).

Wednesday, Dec. 29
BASKETBALL — Lake Orion
vs. Utica at Oakland University Showcase Invitational (4 p.m.); Clarkston vs. Detroit Redford at Cobo Hall (4 p.m.).

WRESTLING — Clarkston at Goodrich Invitational (10 a.m.). Thursday, Dec. 30

WRESTLING — Lake Orion, Oxford at Oxford Invitational (9:30

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31, Jan 1. (No events scheduled)



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COMMITMENT

Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining out and youthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad#.1024

SEEKING A SOUL MATE This outgoing and friendly DBF, 42, 5'4", who enjoys music, reading and walks in the park, is ISO a serious and sincere SBM, 42-62, with similar interests, for a

pleasant relationship. Ad#.7775 FOCUS HERE

This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seek-ing a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1706

JUST US

SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2814

HEART OF GOLD

Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship, Ad#.1237

FOR KEEPS

This friendly, honest SWF, 45, 5'4", 149lbs., who enjoys bike riding, dining out and dancing, is interested in meeting up with a car-ing, sincere SWM, 38-55, who shares similar inter-ests. Ad#.4240

BIG-HEARTED

This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1361

A SIMPLE REQUEST

Make a new friend by calling this DWC mom, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with If you're an outgoing SWCM, 35-45, who enjoys walking, camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other. Ad#.8191

Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad#.4444

FOCUS HERE

She is a friendly, attractive SWF, 52, 5'7", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include hiking, biking and boating. She's looking for a hand-some, intelligent SWM, 52-62, who lives life to the fullest. Ad#.6262

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2" 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DWC mother. 35. 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to church and enjoys family activities. Ad#.7764

NEW HORIZONS

Employed, family-oriented She's a never-married SBF, SBF, 26, 57", who likes long 33, 59", N/S, non-drinker, walks, outdoor activities, who is looking for a sweet, movies and is seeking a sincere SWM, over 34. SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.2218

FAITH & HOPE

An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad#,1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56, Ad#.5614

REBUILDING HER LIFE Catholic DWF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs., with dark brown curly hair, a N/S, is looking for the right person, a con-siderate, respectful Catholic SWM, 40-50, who values his faith and family. She enjoys bowling, movies and a lot of friends. Ad#.5642

IS IT FATE?

This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, con-certs and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.2345

CIRCLE THIS

Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, mar-riage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad#.4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, nonand nazel eyes, a two, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies bowling, and reading. Ad#.4108

BORN-AGAIN

This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad#.6684

TO THE POINT

SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad#.2220

VIVACIOUS Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad#,1103

LOVES THE LORD

Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents Ad#.1956

LIFE GOES ON

This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2652

FOR FOREVER

This shy and reserved SWC mom, 37, 5'5", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWCM, 35-45, to enjoy quiet times at home, great conversations, long park walks, and more with. Ad#,4455 DEDICATED

Ad#,1980

GOOD COMPANY

Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad#.9438

HERE SHE IS...

This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad# 1665

IS IT YOU? This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6". who enjoys movies, dining theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor.

WORKS & PLAYS HARD

Ad#.4581

Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

HEAVEN SENT

This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad#.6561

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sin-cere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested ! Ad#.9915

THE BEST THERE IS

Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#.6354

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad#.2525

SIMPLY PUT

Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad#.5555

IS IT FATE?

Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 57", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad#.9455

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD This SWF, 21, 57", would like to spend time with a fun-toving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports.

LET'S CUDDLE Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys famlly barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61, Ad#.1992

Ad#.1098

A RARE FIND Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 54", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. SWM, sionate 54-62

DYNAMITE CHARACTER

Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCPM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs., with blondish-brown hair and green eyes, who likes spending time with children, tae kwon do, kick boxing, watching movies, camping and more, is seek-ing a SCF, with similar inter-ests. Ad#.2328

DESERVING This outgoing and friendly SWM, 29, 6, 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dining out, traveling, shopping and more, is seeking a romantic, slender and attractive SWF, 24-32, for casual dating. Ad#.3639

VERY LOVING

Laid-back WWCB dad of two, 49, 6'4", who enjoys cooking, reading and movies, is interested in meeting a SBF, 35-50, who puts God first in her life. Ad#.7999

GIVE DAD A CALL

Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 58", who enjoys cooking, sports and music, is hoping to spend time with a SWF, 35-42, with similar interests. Ad#.2222

GOD IS FIRST

Outgoing, honest DWC dad, 42, 6'1", 165lbs., who enjoys golfing and the outdoors, is hoping to meet a SF, 32-42, for a possible relationship. Ad#.9559

WORTH A TRY

Friendly, spiritual SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys nature, flea markets and movies, is looking for a kind-hearted SWF, 29-49, to share interests with Ad#.4500

AGED TO PERFECTION

Always having integrity and style, this handsome DWCM, 49, 5'10", knows how to entertain. He's searching for an attractive, sincere SWCF, 39-53, to share love with. Ad#.5454

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWWPM, 31, 6'1", who enjoys sports, ball games and a variety of other activities, is seeking a WWA/W/BCF, 18-55, with no children. Ad#.1965

LEAVE A MESSAGE

Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys campbrown ing, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad#.6789

CELEBRATE LIFE who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, family-oriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values.

Ad#.1018 A GOOD MAN

Shy, nice-looking DWC dad, 37, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF, 30-45. Ad#.6683

CONTACT ME

This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11", who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad#.4194

A PEACEFUL MAN Never-married, caring, hand-some SBM, 28, 6', Is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in their life, Ad#,4278

AN ANGEL

Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs., with dark brown halr/eyes, who enjoys walks, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.6321

INTERESTED Here's a friendly SWM, 48.

5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with Ad#.4374 JOYS OF LIFE He's a friendly SWPM, 58. 6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more.

He is in search of a caring, sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME Shy and reserved, this never-

married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad#.4949

FRIENDSHIP FIRST Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad# 1260

WALK DOWN THE AISLE Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, family-oriented, slender SWF who is athletically inclined.

Ad#.1515

MARRIAGE ON HIS MIND Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWM, 60. If you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys, family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad#.1445

JUST YOU AND I Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monog-amous relationship leading

to marriage. Ad#.2739 **COMMON BOND** This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with Ad# 1580

HAVE YOU SEEN...

My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs, who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2727

LISTEN TO ME

Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile, Ad#.8989

NEVER-MARRIED

SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, nondrinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad#.1777

SHORT BUT SWEET

Friendly, never-married SBM, 38, 6'1", who is seeking a slender, outgoing, degreed SF, under 44, for dating first. Ad#.9317

SEARCHING

Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48. 5'7", with long brown 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-heart-ed SWCF, 40-50. Ad#.6900

WANT TO HEAR MORE? Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 58", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad#.4523

A REAL TRUE HEART, This friendly SW dad, 35

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Going, going, gone

Auto auction may be your answer to an affordable car

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE STAFF WRITER

Going once, going twice, sold!

That's the sound of a good deal going down at the Midwest Auto Auction in Redford. If you're looking for an older used car at a great price, then you should put your bid on one of the area's only auctions that's open to the public.

The auction, located at 14666 Telegraph, is held twice a week — once at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and again at 10 a.m. on Friday. While it won't cost you a dime to get on the auction floor, it may save you hundreds of dollars.

"A lot of people come here right after work. We didn't always have a nighttime auction but there was such a demand we added one," said owner

George Badeen. In these days of Internet bidding and electronic price wars, it might surprise some attendees that a real, live auctioneer calls out bids in a stereotypical drawl that seems more suited to the Kansas state fair.

And while the Midwest Auto Auction does have an Internet presence, it also has an owner who hails from the deep south and has schooled the uninitiated on the finer points of calling an auc-

Badeen, who was born in Kansas and raised in Texas, started out towing cars over twenty years ago at the Midwest Auto Auction. He spent time as a clerk before finally becoming an auctioneer himself, and to this day he still runs the auction when he finds himself in a pinch for a good deal caller.

While some of his auctioneers honed their skills at special schools through out the Midwest, Badeen said his expertise comes from hands-on experi-

A couple of other auctioneers have helped me out along the way, but I just picked it up over the years. I had a good ear for the rhythm and the chant.



Making deals: Midwest Auto Auction owner George Badeen shows off some of the used cars that will soon be on the auction block.

It's been a while since I've done it on regular basis, but I did recently have to fill in when we had an auctioneer come down with a bad sore throat," Badeen

Most of the auction's cars come from used car dealer's lots or bank reposses sions. They're separated into two "lines" for auction: the "a line," which is comprised of newer, better quality cars, and the "b line," cars which have high-

er mileage and more wear and tear. The sellers pay a flat \$75 fee to enter their vehicle, then an additional percentage of the final sale.

Badeen said about 225 cars usually change hands during one of the sales, although the auctions are usually a little slower during the holidays.

"It's pretty dead until about the second week in January," he explained.

Internet aficionados can view a live stream with sound form the auction

"We have certain customers that like to watch the auction as its happening to see if their sales are going through, Badeen said.

However, Midwest hasn't yet ironed out the kinks of electronic bidding.

"We'd like to get into (Internet auctions) but we haven't launched anything yet. Selling cars out of state can be a real headache, you get in to a lot of different regulations and different sales taxes. It could be done, but we need to put a lot more work into it," he

Midwest has also sponsored several charity auctions, the most recent of which supported extracurricular activities and equipment for schools in Redford, Badeen said.

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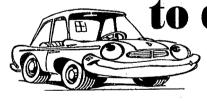
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1946 Squad car was one of first models off the line after WWII Classifications 520 to 878

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When peace finally broke out at the end of WWII it was time for the auto manufactures to retool from the swords of military production to the plowshares of personal transportation, Ford, like most of the other car builders at the time, dusted off the existing 1942 tooling, went ork on simple trim and grill facelifts and started spitting out as many "new" 1946 models as possible. With no new cars for over four years, the public was snapping up anything that was available. Government agency's were also limping along on well worn vehicles and, at times, were able to get priority over the public.

This 1946 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor sedan was purchased by the Oakland Police Department. While city governments usually

buy lower priced "fleet" models, Oakland was forced into the Super Deluxe because Ford saw no need to build the pre-war, entry level Special model and regular Deluxe sedans were in short supply. The only option on the car was a set of factory "heavy duty" 15 inch wheels (Fords came equipped with taller 16" units). Upon delivery, the sedan was fitted with an Edison two-way radio, (. Calling all cars

.calling all cars , .) a pair of Unity spotlights, some white door panels and a star on the door. It's funny to think that in such a short time we've come from stock Ford Tudors with broadcloth upholstery to today's screened-in rolling mini-jails.

On patrol in the 1946 Ford Squad Car

This drive report car is owned by Skip Silva of San Leandro,



CA. Skip had seen the car for years languishing away in the garage of a neighbor. The neighbor had bought the car at a Oakland city auction in 1950. The Tudor had just 63,000 miles on it. It was driven home. parked in the garage and just sat there. By the '70s the engine had frozen but the neighbor still refused to sell. Finally, in 1978, the owner, in the midst of a

to sell the car and called Skip. Silva

pulled the heads, hammered each piston till it came loose, but-toned it all back together and drove it

off. After a while it started smoking pretty bad so the heads and pan were removed and new and rod bearings were installed. The Tudor now has over 68,000 miles on the odometer and runs great. Skip has done a few other modifications as well. He works for the City of San Leandro and had access to a set of modern 15 inch police pursuit radials - some "take

divorce, had offs" from a wrecked modern patrol car. They fit nicely on the Ford's optional wheels. Two inch longer front shackles lower the front a bit. The "Baby Moon" hubcaps are temporary until a nice set of originals can be obtained.

The Classic Drive

Slide behind the wheel with me and we'll take this old Ford out for a ride. The car feels big, but not too big or overstuffed, and tall, with lots of headroom. All of the controls are easy to get to and the steering wheel is at a tolerable angle. The car starts smoothly and settles down to that lovely flathead burble .. burble .. burble

The shifter works well as it slides into first - give it a little RPM and we're off. Smooth and powerful are the words that come to mind as we run it driven an original stock pow-ered post-war Ford sedan before and was really surprised at the performance for a car of that era. I'll bet that only a few luxury cars with big engines and tall gearing could run away from it. It leaves stock Chevys and Plymouths from that era in the

The handling is also very good. Usually, in my experience, radial tires make older cars feel radial tires make older cars teen mushy and squirmy. In this application, the tires somehow canceled the straight axle Ford's tendency to follow imperfections in the road and "hunt" from side to side. This car rode smoothly and required much less correction at the helm. A run over to an industrial area allowed me to test the siren. It wound up slow-ly, just like in the movies, and took at least three minutes to wind down. Great stuff!

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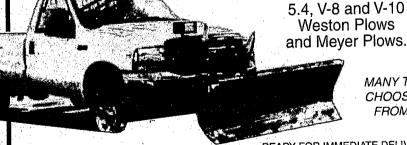
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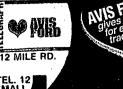




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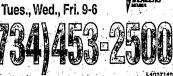


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echnology may be the buzzword in the job market for 2000, but - guess what? - so is liberal arts.

Liberal arts students are being actively sought because of their ability to learn, problem-solve and communicate," said Terri LaMarco, associate director of Career Planning and Placement for the University of Michigan.

Add some technical skills to that liberal arts major and you have what LaMarco calls "a great thinker, but not afraid of analysis.'

Nationally, hiring from college cam-puses is up from for the third consecutive year, 11 percent this year, said LaMarco.

There are few areas in the current job market, other than bank tellers and farmers, that are bad avenues, she added. E-careers - those in electronic commerce - comprise the most dynamic inroads for success, especially with all the start-up businesses and Internet activity in existing organizations.

"When you look at the top 10 hot jobs, the first eight are technology related, said Judith Kaufman, a career counselor at Schoolcraft College, citing an article that appeared in the Nov. 1, 1999, issue of U.S. News & World Report. (See related story.)

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Job-talk: Schoolcraft College career counselor Judith Kaufman (left) discusses career opportunities with returning student Joanne Stadnicar.

U of M e-Fair

The University of Michigan Career Planning and Placement service is soonsoring an e-Fair Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000. This all new Job fair is designed to link internet/news media employers with students from a variety of backgrounds, including liberal arts sciences, information technology, business art, music, and public health. For more infor mation, call (734) 764-7460.

In order to attend the e-Fair, organizations must be seeking to hire nontechnical majors in addition to or instead of engineering and computer science majors. Organizations tar geting technical majors must contact the Engineering Career Resource Center for their recruiting needs. For more information call (734) 647-7160.

E-commerce accounting and "any kind of trading on the Web," are hot, real hot. Michigan mimics this national pro-

Kaufman sees every kind of job-seeker, from 18-year-old students to 40-yearolds in career transition to retirees wondering "what else am I going to do." She pointed out a developing trend.

"I also see a lot of people job-hopping because companies cannot offer career ladders of lifetime employment," Kaufman said.

Job-hoppers do so to gain new skills, have the opportunity to work on different types of projects and simply for professional growth.

Whether you're job-hopping, changing careers or seeking a first-time job, you have to be your own career manager, Kaufman said. "Today, you have to be a free agent. You have to take care of yourself ... You are responsible for the direction of your career. It's a real new con-

In addition to managing your own career, you must be what LaMarco refers to as a "generalist." Because so many new companies in the Internet or e-com merce industry have small staffs and operate around the clock, new employees

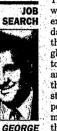
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What type of questions to ask at job interviews

Q. I have a good resume and can' get interviews. My biggest prob-lem is coming up with questions to ask in order to appear interested. Any suggestions? – Sandra F.

A. Nothing will turn an interviewer off faster than a candidate who sits across the desk like a taciturn bag of proto-

The conventional wisdom is that a failure to ask questions demonstrates a lack of interest in the position. Well maybe. But experienced interviewers! can anticipate the standard questions and often incorporate the answers into a rather long introductory statement. There is nothing



wrong with this except that candidates then can't use the auestions they ! gleaned from a "how; to interview" book 🤾 and it forces them to think up relevant stuff quickly. (Some people are determined to stick with their game plans, however. I called one candidate last week:

and explained that the position was in a union environment and he would be supervising about 20 people. Five minutes later he nervously asked me if the place had a union and how many peo ple he would be supervising. I was feeling evil. I told him it was a non-union environment and he would be supervising about 6 people. Silence.)

There is a larger problem associated with a failure to ask questions: It places the entire burden of facilitating conversation on the interviewer. Most managers shoot their line of introduc-

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While Kaufman defines today's job

market in two words, technology and medical, she agrees there is a place for those liberal arts graduates in more areas than corporate public relations. "Technology loves music majors because they're detail focused and they (employers) can train

But there's a qualifier to that statement: If you're a liberal arts graduate, technology loves you – "as long as you bring in some technology skills," Kaufman said.

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tory babble and then expect the interview to take on the rhythm of a normal conversation. You talk then I talk then you talk then I talk

Ordinarily, this is a mixture of questions and answers coming from both parties. Interviewers usually hate being put in the position of grand inquisitor. It's too much work and, after a while, awkward. Your primary job in an interview is to get liked. You get liked by making the other person's job easy. You make it easy by shouldering your share of the dialogue.

Continue to go into interviews with three to five open-ended questions memorized. just in case you get into trouble and need some pre-packaged material. However, good conversation is usually a matter good listening. Pick up on whatever the other person has just said or store a phrase in short-term memory for later use. Formulate who, what, where, when, how or why questions when an interviewer's statement strikes you as:

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clear. How did something like that get started? What happened next? How was the problem resolved? What's being done

A little beyond the norm, either good or bad. Was that a goal? Jeepers, why would someone do that? What was the thinking? How did customers or other employees react? Can it be repeated? Are the resources there? Are conditions right?

■ Quantifiable or lending itself to greater definition. How is that measured? Why did that work so well? What does that mean? How do those numbers relate to these numbers? Is it documented? Did somebody keep the recipe? How many of those do you have?

A link to your own skills and experiences. Would it be possible to do it this way? Why not go after these customers? Could we try a program like the one I implemented with my previous employer?

Most of all, relax. Interviewers are usually normal people who appreciate an exchange of ideas more than an Oscar-worthy performance.

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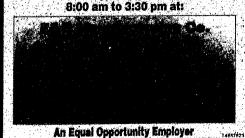
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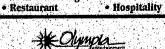
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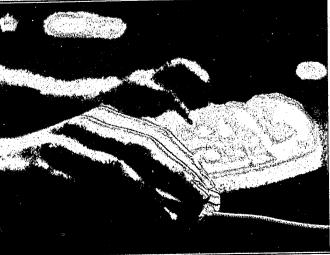
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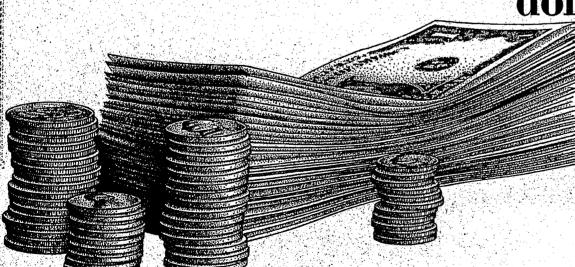
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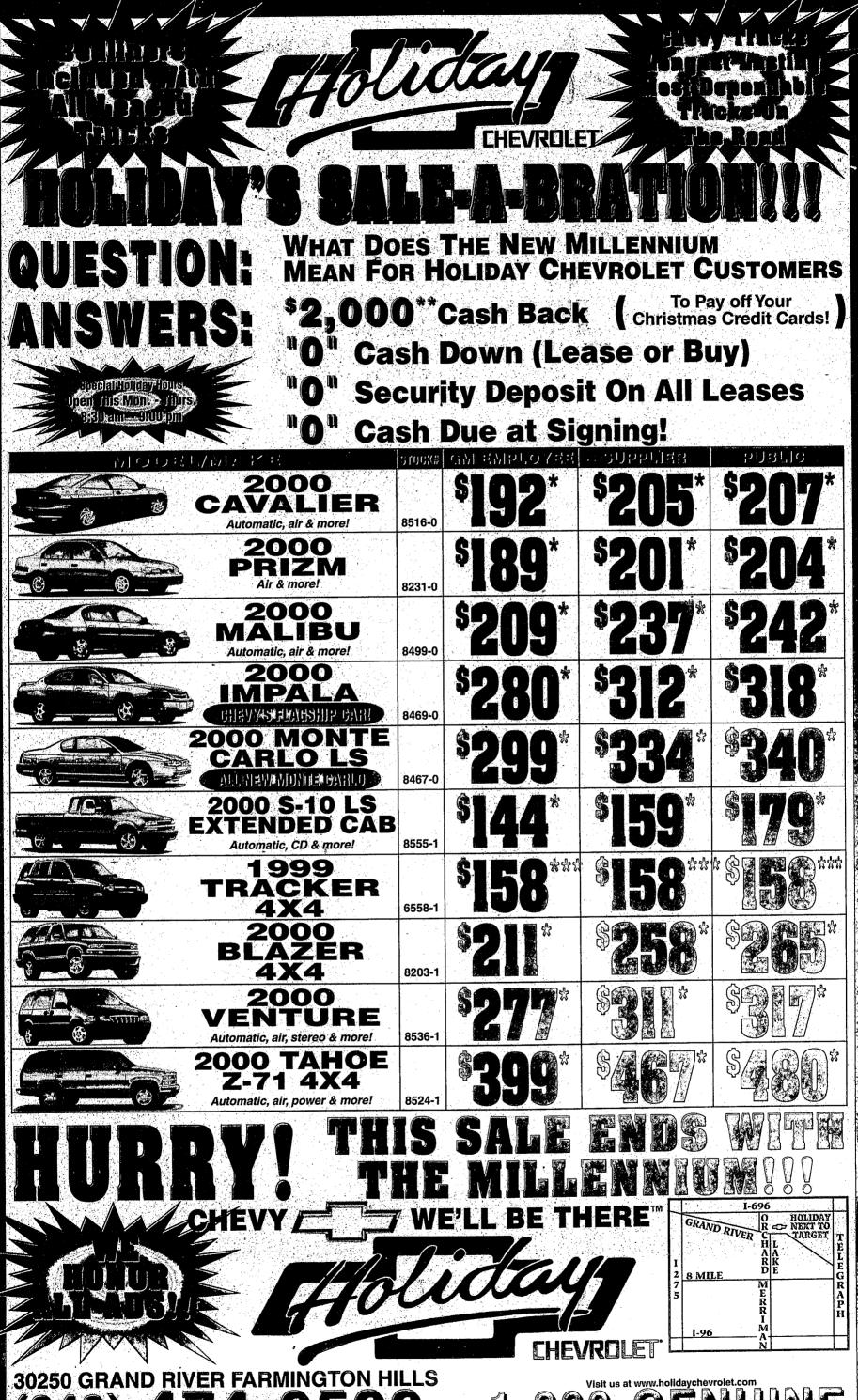
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Smaller houses may be coming

People have met their need for shelter in caves, tents, huts, cabins and

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A roof over the head has been about the only common denominator since ancient times as far as the structure

goes.
While no one knows for sure what the future will bring, several builders here took a stab at what homebuyers may encounter in the year 2025.

Instead of one home of 3,000 square feet, suggests James Bonadeo, a Plymouth builder in business for 53 years, folks with the money may choose to own a couple in the 1,800-2,000 range.

"Even now, some people have a house here, a house up north and a house down south," he said. "They sold the big house and have three smaller ones.

"Why have a big house here and no other place to live? I've had people tell me they have a big house and haven't been upstairs in six months."

Modular housing with a heavy emphasis on electronics will become prevalent, Bonadeo said.

"The house will be built in components and built in a factory due to labor costs and inefficiency in construction," he said. "It will have a great deal of electronics - an electronic oven where you can start breakfast before you get up, an electronic exercise machine next to the bedroom

Brick veneer and drywall will be installed on panels at the factory rather than on-site stick construction, Bonadeo said.

Folks will continue to demand on-site amenities such as ponds, nature areas and recreational options, he added.

"You'd be amazed at how many peo-ple are going condo," he said. "Even younger people. They want to lock the door, (go) and be safe."

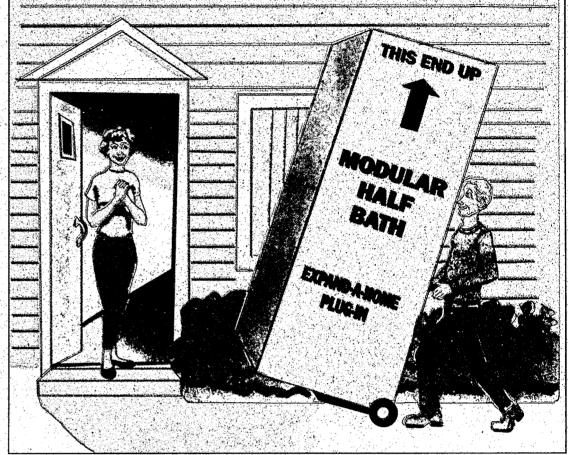
Joe Rotondo, a Farmington builder, also predicts that houses will get smaller but garages bigger.

"I think people will start gearing down," he said. "I think the Japanese are already doing it. They have a lot smaller homes. They use space a lot more efficiently.

"I don't think we'll go with as much footage," Rotondo said. "We'll get smaller with more amenities, alarms, TVs. You're going to see a lot more electronics, computers, cameras.

'Also, bigger garages," he added. "People need more storage.

"Materials, it's hard to say," Rotondo



said. "That changes all the time Structural materials, a lot more parti-cle board. They make joists out of wood shavings now.

Plastics, modular rooms and fuel cells could be in homes of the future, said Fred Capaldi, a second-generation builder based in Birmingham.

"I look for more plastic - in addition." to steel studs and joists - where I think it will take on a bigger role," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see some plas-

"I would also look for more of what I would call modular-type units in a house," Capaldi said. "You need another bedroom, you have removable walls. You go to the local building supply house and buy it, or maybe a bath module and move other partitions around so it fits the floor plan.

"The wife may decide to not only move the furniture but move the walls around," he said.

Capaldi also sees fuel cells providing electrical and gas utility service to homes of the future. "It will be some sort of renewable thing ... hooked up to the wall," he said.

Houses probably will be a little smaller with plenty of outlets for com-puter connections, Capaldi speculated, but he doesn't totally discount man-

"Some people will still want big houses," Capaldi said, "It's always been that

way. Look at the big estates, castles." Dennis Park, president of Energy Sayer Homes in Walled Lake, said he doesn't see a lot of changes in the size or features in houses 25 years from

"For the general public, the house is their biggest investment. I see them looking for a safe investment. A safe investment for them is similar to what they've always seen.'

People will continue to commute from the suburbs, although urban living will grow slightly more popular, Park expects. Lot and house sizes will remain the same.
Two areas will change significantly,

Park predicts.

"I see us ... replacing a lot of lumber products with recycled products .. paper/ plastics or some other means of recycled trash with viable expansion and contraction," he said.

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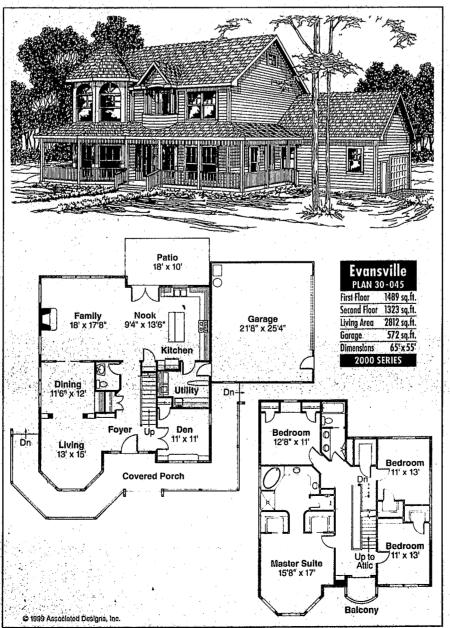
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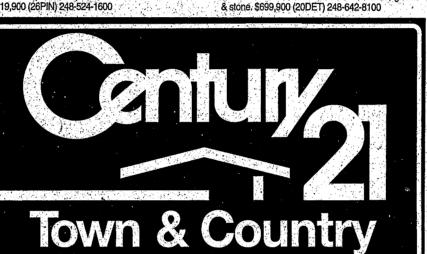
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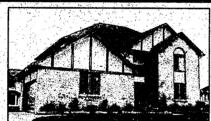
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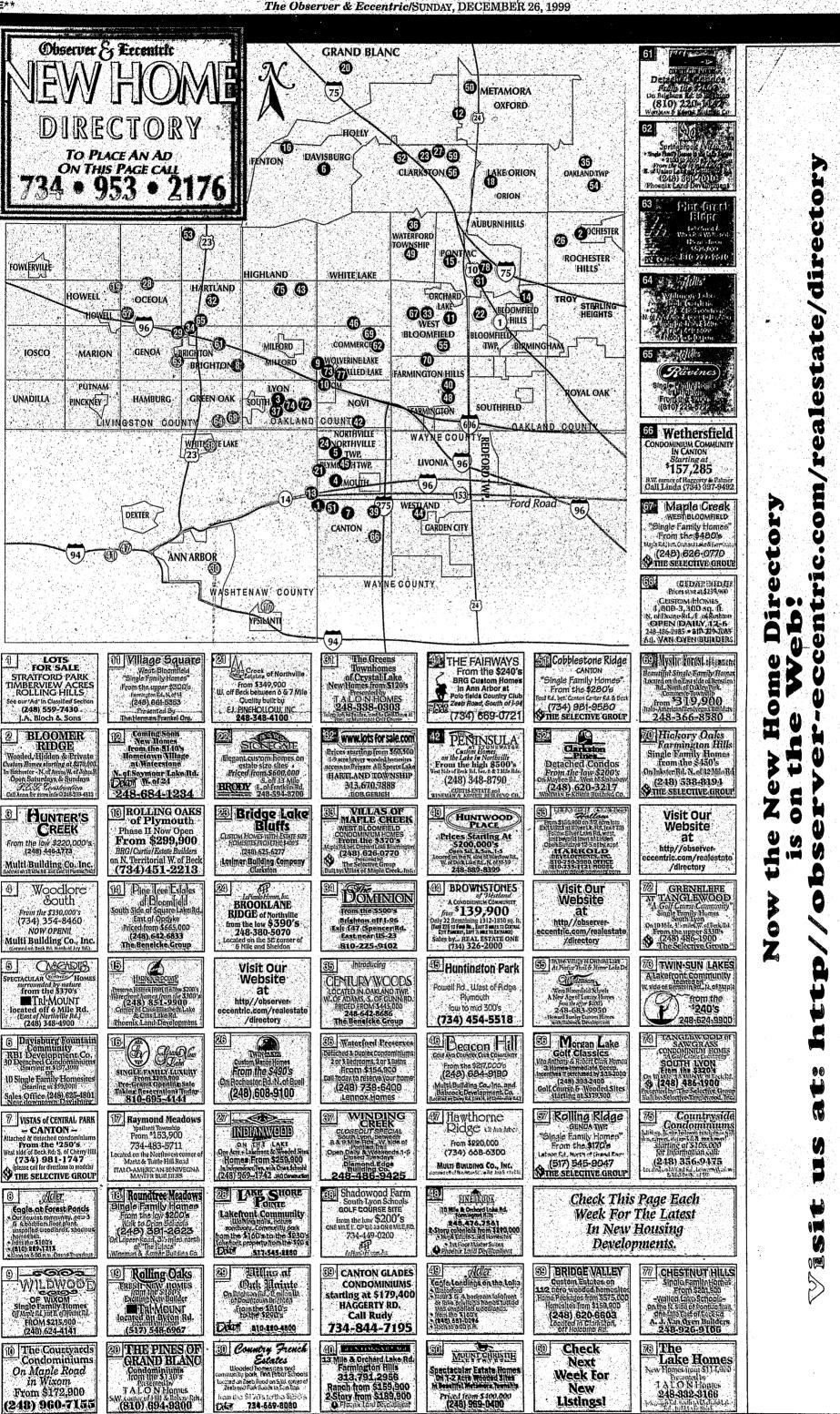
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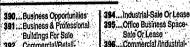
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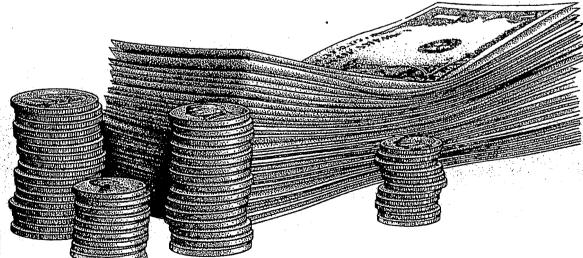
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